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ndia relaxes emergency RTY BARGAN HOLD March election

is to hold a general election in March, Mrs. ir announced yesterday. The urprise news included a relaxation of the lifted ency laws but they will not be lifted SKI SUDERTRAND A number of jailed political leaders of nearly ten years of joint study by experts from both churches. They regard it as an historic document. They have already announced agreed the property of the property s have reacted cautiously.

ISE TO THE ATE IT Desai among the politicians freed

uldip Nayar

will go to the polls in a elect a new Lok Sabha, ent's lower house. The ll be some time during d week of the month. landhi advised the Presiday to dissolve the Lok and order the election. ecessary proclamations issued shortly.

emergency is being re-ut not lifted. The Prime or said in a broadcast tohat there would be relaxation to enable parties to place their of view before the elec-

> Gandhi gave the news to sinet this evening at an any meeting. She is reto have said that the es of democracy must neir way and that all must go back to the who were the real mas-

though the country had gog with rumours that tion was near, the an-ment came as a surprise. er, the release of opposi-aders and many others past few weeks had india relaxation prior to

present Lok Sabha was ted on March 19, 1971. was extended twice, on

d, workers were ex-not to work, students not y and government ser-said that 10 MPs of break their oath. Mas-ralysis was propagated name of revolution. aid the question before nery now was to restore

political processes "on re were compelled to put ugh the present Lok could continue for 15 months, "we also believe that parliamen vernment thist report the people and seek i from them to carry out

nation's strength and welfare. Because of this unshakeable faith in the power of the people, I have advised the President to dissolve the present Lok Sabha and order a fresh

Delhi, Jan 18.—Opposition sources, taken by surprise, reacted cautiously. They said they thought they would contest the election "If we are reasonably satisfied it will be free and

A spokesman for the main non-communist opposition parties said that whether or not a proposed merger into one united party was completed in time, they would go into the election with a common policy

and programme. Mrs Gandhi said in her 10minute broadcast, in which she sooke in both Hindi and English, that every election was an act of faith. "It is an oppor-

tunity to cleanse public life of the confusion", she said. Mr S. M. Bannerji, a senior official of the pro-Moscow Communist Party of India (CPI), welcomed the election. The CPI, close allies of the ruling Congress Porty for several years, have recently been accused by Congress memhers of not giving wholehearted support to the social reform programme of Mrs Gandhi's younger son, Sanjay. was extended twice, on y 4, 1976, and aguin ember 5, 1976. Because atest extension, the election of the control of the control

two released in Delhi were Mr at 18 months ago the was on the brink of 81, and Mr L. K. Advani, leader of the right-wing Hindu In Madras, an official source said that 10 MPs of the Dravida

Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) party, including its leader Mr M. T. S. Lakshmanan, had been freed along with two members of the Communist Party. Mr Desai, a long-standing political opponent of Mrs Gandhi was arrested the day after the emergency was im-

posed. He said at his Delhi home leter that the election call did not surpirse him.—Reuter and Agence France-Presse.

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Churchmen move a step nearer Unity By our Religious Affairs Correspondent

Under certain conditions the Anglican Communion would be willing to accept the Pope as universal primate in a united church, according to an official statement from a team of Anglican and Roman Catholic theologians, published today. But the Anglican Communion

would expect the papel authority to be balanced by greater participation in the government of the church by bishops, clergy, and laity. The statement is the product

ment on two other disputed issues. Holy Communion and the issues. Holy Communion and the priesthood, but the question of authority proved the most difficult. The power of the Pope was crucial in the sixteenth-century break between the Church of England and Rome. It has remained an unbridgeable difference for the past 400

years.

The statement, published with the approval of the Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr Coggan, and Pope Paul VI, says that the theologians found a convergence of belief to their surprise. It led to a consensus on fundamental principles which was applicable to both sides.

Certain items of Roman Catholc belief, such as papal infallibility, continue to cause grave difficulties to Anglicans. The theologians claim, however, to have found enough

however, to have found enough common ground for outstanding differences to be resolved, and meanwhile call for a new spirit in relations.

"The prospect should be met with faith, not fear", the Anglican and Roman Catholic co-chairman of the commission state in their introduction to the report.

The Anglican co-chairman, the Eishop of Ossory, Ferns and Leighlin, the Right Rev H. R. McAdoo, said at a press conference at Lambeth Pulace yesterday that the Roman Catholic Church had traditionally emphasized the primacy of the Bishop of Rome while the Anglican Communion had em-phasized conciliarity—the par-ticipation of all bishops, and of the whole church—in decision-making. A reunited church would have to harmonize primacy and conciliarity as comple-

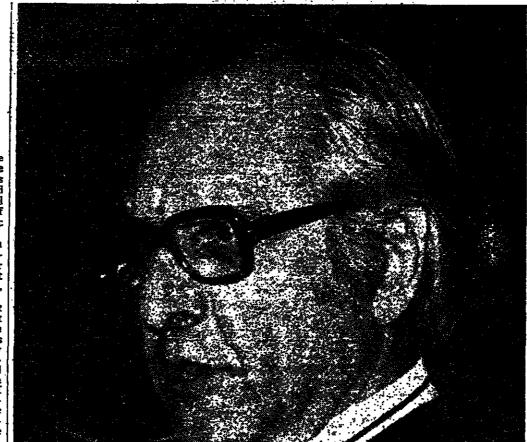
acy and conciliarity as complementary aspects of authority.

The Roman Catholic co-chairmed, Mgr Alan C. Cherk, Bishop of East Anglia, said: "We now have an agreement which many people had said would never be reached." Members of both and sindy the churches should study the document and decide whether they recognized in it their own raich. Both chairmen said they thought the agreement would movide the basis for greater conumination between caurches immediately. The anglican bishop said he saw the opportunity for "sacra-

ental sharing. The statement also declares: "The only see which makes any claim to universal primacy and which has exercised and still exercises it is the See of Rome. It seems appropriate that in any future union a universal primacy such as has been described should be held

by that see."

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Mr Silkin, the Attorney General, leaving after addressing the Court of Appeal.

Mr Silkin declines to explain to court his view on post ban

By Marcel Berlins

Legal Correspondent
Mr Silkin, QC, the Attorney
General, told the Court of
Appeal yesterday that it is not entitled to examine his reasons for refusing to give his consent to an action aimed at stopping the proposed Post Office workers' ban on postal services to

" My conduct is not that of a dictator, not open to chal-lenge," he said. "If I am wrong. I am answerable to Parliament and to Parliament alone. I say, with the utmost respect to your Lordships but also with the utmost firmness, the mantle of Parliament," Mr Silkin appeared before

the court yesterday in response to its invitation to explain why he had not given his consent to an action brought by Mr John Gourier, on behalf of the National Association for Freedom, to stop the Union of Post Office Workers from carrying out its proposed sevenday boycort of postal and tele-phone services to South Africa. On Saturday the court—Lord Denning, Master of the Rolls. Lord Justice Lawton and Lord Justice Ormrod-granted a

temporary injunction against the union, and the boycott was called off as a result. Mr Silkin made clear yester-

From Alan McGregor

Swiss Alps.

Mr Dougal Haston, the Scot

who climbed the south-west face

of Everest in 1975 with Mr Doug Scott, was killed by an avalanche yesterday while ski-ing alone above Leysin in the

After an all-night search by rescue teams, his body was found this afternoon. He was,

apparently, killed instantly on

the steep slope of the 6.500ft

Mount Riondaz, while on his way down to the Luisets Pass.

about which skiers are re-peatedly warned after heavy

snowfalls. Mr Haston was not following a marked piste

(track).

According to one of his friends, Mr Alan Rankin, a Canadian who keeps an hotel at

Leysin, he had taken a ski lift up the Riondaz and then climbed to the top for his run.

It was the type of accident

Dougal Haston killed

by Swiss avalanche

day that he had gone not to give his reasons for his decision but to argue that the court had no power to review or question it. It was, he said, a vital con-

stitutional issue. It was well established in law that the Attorney General's discretion was absolute, and it was wrong for the court to ask what those reasons were, or to draw inferences as to what his reasons might have been, It was also wrong for it to have granted the injunction after his refusal to allow the case to be

brought. He argued that in coming to his decision he had to have regard to many different factors, some of which the courts could have no knowledge of. He had to consider broader questions of public interest. Mr Silkin told the court that

in making his decision he took into account nothing that, in accordance with precedent, it was not proper for him to take Mr Silkin, who came under

speech, which lasted all day, conceded that there was a case for reviewing that part of law, to see whether the ancient procedures were still necessary. But only Parliament, which was able to look at all the aspects. could conduct such a review.

He could not concede that the right way of changing the law was by a decision of one court looking at one case. He continued:

"Your Lordships would be abrogating a very important parliamentary function because of this particular case. That would be open to abuse and could produce a result, which I hope never to see, of conflict between the courts and Parlia-

At one point Lord Denning asked: "If you say I do not think it politic to enforce the law' does that mean people can go on breaking the law? Does that mean standing by and letting it go on? Are you saving that it is in the public interest that this ban on communications should go on? muncations should go on?

The Attorney General replied that it was for him to decide what the balance of public interest was.

The hearing continues today.

when Mr Silkin will continue cluse cuestioning from the his address. It is not expected three judges throughout his to end until tomorrow. The to end until tomorrow.

courtroom was so full yesterday, with about a hundred people not able to get even standing room, that the public galleries, closed three years ago for security reasons, had to be security reasons, had to be

reopened. Law Report, page 5 Stoppage at 'The Times'

last Thursday was condemned in an emergency statement by the Press Council yesterday.
The action of some printing
room unionists who objected
to a report of an article by Mr David Astor criticizing newspaper unions amounted to cen-sorship, the statement said.

condemned

The council said it had re ceived no complaint but the parties involved were given an opportunity to put their views before its complaints commit-

The committee noted that Mr William Rees-Mong, editor of The Times, had told objectors they would be given the same right of reply in a subsequent issue which The Times normally gave to those criticized in the newspaper. Mr Owen O'Brien, general secretary of the general secretary of the National Society of Operative Printers, Graphical and Media Personnel, expressed his union's opposition to any censorship of the press.

The council's statement says: Over the past 24 years the Press Council has made available to the public a complaints procedure which provides an appeal against the decision of any editor of any newspaper or periodical who refuses redress to an aggriered member of the public.

bers of a trade union in the newspaper industry may consider themselves to have a special concern in the publication of material of which they are critical in that they service part of the means of publication. They enjoy no privileged position. In fact their rights are no greater, but no less, than those of the general public; in common with other members of the public they are entitled to an assurance that, where appropriate, prompt and impartial consideration will be given by the Press Council to any complaint made by individuals, chapels or unions. The investigation of such complaints is carried out by the council's complaints committee. A statement issued by the Press Council following such an increis. statement issued by the Press Council following such an inquiry receives wide publicity in the newspaper concerned and else-

The terms of the statement are much more than an expression of opinion upon the conduct of the

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School option

Twenty-six more local education authorities have been given six months to produce plans for comprehensive schooling by Mrs Williams, Secretary of State for Education and Science. They are in addition to eight authorities given similar ultimatums last November.

£164m expansion will boost brewery jobs

years which, the company said, would create "hundreds of new on existing breweries at Burton. sion, but lagering capacity will Wrexham and Alloa. News of be raised as well Page 17

Allied Breweries announced an the investment was welcomed investment programme of at by Mr Jack Jones, of the transleast £164m over the next two port workers' union, who said years which the company said he hoped other companies he hoped other companies would follow Allied's "splendid example". Priority in the jobs". The company considered investment programme is to be the time ripe for capital invest-ment which would be centred group's wines and spirits divi-

Yugoslav leader

dies in air crash

mi Bijedic, the Yugoslav Prime

minister, was killed yesterday, together with his wife and six ouner people, when their eight-

seoter jet aircraft crashed in a suowstorm west of Sarajevo. He was on his way to address a meeting of the party Central Committee in Sarajevo Page 7

The Barcelona harbour death

toll rose to 44 yesterday as frogmen recovered more bodies

of American sailors and marines who were in the launch

which capsized on Monday. The total may go as high as 50.

India, needing 284 to beat Eng-

land, have scored 45 for three and face a struggle to save the third Test. Indian officials have discussed the Lever affair

and are to pass their findings

on to Lord's John Woodcock, page 10

University threat: Trade unions say they are prepared to let Birmingham University close because of a holiday dispute 2

One-parent families: The House

ot Lords will debate the Finer

report on one-parent families

Brussels: East Europe has been given until the end of this month to limit fishing catches 6

India struggle

to save Test

More harbour bodies found

Rail toll climbs in Sydney

Rescuers who last night had taken 36 bodies from a Sydney commuter train crushed by a falling road bridge feared at least 50 more dead still lay in the wreckage, and that the final disaster toll could be the worst in Australia's history. The crash occurred when the morning peak-hour express ploughed through the supports of the bridge, which fell 30ft on to the crowded carriages Page 7

Speaker stops Duke's critic

Labour MPs criticized the Duke of Edinburgh's remarks in a magazine about the underprivileged and the enterprising. In the House Mr Lamond (Oldham, East) described his remarks as impudent and ill advised. The Speaker intervened to say that it was the custom of the Commons to speak of the Royal Family with respect.

Jail ruled out for girls of 14

Mr Rees, Home Secretary, laid an order in Parliament to end the remand of girls under 15 to adult jails from March 15. Girls unsuitable for bail will be the responsibility of the local authority Page 2

Police called as prisoner escorts

Rhodesia: Britain puts ferward plan to break deadlock as Mr Police officers escorted remand Richard flies to South Africa to prisoners from Leicester jail to meet MrVorster again courts after prison staff had re-fused the duty as part of their Japan : Pacifist governor to bar industrial action in demand for a public inquiry into security at Leicester Page 2 Royal Navy ship from entering Tokyo Bay for arms sales exhibition 8 mysteries of Mars; Stewart Tend-ler on drug abuse; Bernard Levin on the Pompeii exhibition Sport, pages 9 and 10 Cricket: Pakistan beat Australia in third Test to end series all square; Racing; Michael Phillips looks ahead to Kempton Park meeting; Feotball; Birmuncham and Arenal shore six noals;

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Letters: On censorship by industrial action, from Mr David Astor, and others; on the release of Abu Daoud, from Mr Alistair Horne; and on virginal romance, from Mr Jon-Wynne-Tyson, and others.
Leading articles: The economic unilook; Elections for India.
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meeting; Football: Birmingham and Arsenal share siv goals; Sking: World Cup race Business News pages 17-22 Stock markets; With a solid demand the FT Index closed 6.7 up at 381.1. Gilts, too, had a strong section Diary, page 14
Remote Cumbrian village gets
mains electricity at last—and how
it has survived without it.
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Higgins on Claudio Abbado recording Simon Boccanegra; Irving Wardle on Separate Tables (Apollo Theatre); William Mann on Taucredi (Queen Elizabeth Hall). Obituary, page 16
Sir David Watherston Mr Dougal Haston, Sir Anthony Bevir, Canon Adam Fox, Mr Dzemal Bijedic.

Adam Fox, Mr Dzemal Rijedic.

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Pearce Wright on the complex for the World Cup

Business Diary: One British team that is sure to be in Buenos Aires for the World Cup

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features :

Business features: Maurice Corina on the iron and steel foun-dries—the first of a series of re-ports on the Government's indus-trial strategy; the growing friendliness between wholesalers

and the corner grocery shop is examined by Patricia Tisdali

We fly non-stop to more of the

yland workers warned over failure cash in on Car of the Year award

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ated failure to meet out zets was preventing Ley-ars' benefiting from the f the Year" award for v Rover 3500, the comp-"rned shop stewards at its Bromwich body plant

eyland executive said ay: It is damned ing to say the least we are with the first car ever to win the and we are still turning ition must be laughing way to the bank." nction of bodies for the

th saloon is as much as cent below targets, th they were ser by ent with shop stewards. the ly eight months after the s launched at a cost of the new assembly factory hull is turning out fewer e of Castle Bromwich's be postponed in several

Robert Fisk

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louds of teargas covered and reat Liberation Square more

streets, shouting

ists are queuing to buy the car, described as "the most exciting new model produced in Britain

for over 20 years ". So promising is the demand that Leyland has given the car the role of spearheading its drive into such difficult markets as West Germany. Mr Derek Whittaker, manag-

ing director of Leyland Cars, has ordered a strong line in talks with shop stewards at Castle Bromwich. He is particularly annoyed because £16m was spent jointly at Swindon (pressings) and Castle Bromwich (body assembly) to moder-nize facilities.

In addition the Castle Brom-wich lines have already been manned up to produce about 650 bodies a week. Welladvanced plans to introduce a night shift have been postponed indefinitely. This action has been accom-

panied by a clear warning to shop stewards that the company has no intention of adding a to supply enough bodies. night shift until it is obtaining result launch dates have an acceptable level of producan acceptable level of productivity from the existing labour

labour costs.

replace the ageing Triumph 2500 2000 and the Rover 2200, time is running out.

At the end of day-long talks between management and Castle Bromwich shop stewards, a

begging and a six-month waiting list on the home market, Mr Whittaker is coming under increasing pressure to get the car out at any cost. But concessions of this kind have 100 frequently reduced profit margins on new models by saddling them with unacceptable

Meanwhile the new Solihull assembly plant is limping along with two assembly lines manned week. Like Castle Bromwich, it too has plans for a night shift six avalanche dogs, started soon which would lift production to around 1,400 a week, and ultimately to the planned capacity of 2,000.

With a smaller-engined version of the Rover 3500 soon to

the avalanche, with ski tracks visible in the snow above it.

The avalanche had carried Mr Haston down the slope. His body was found under 6ft of snow Mr Haston, who was 35, came from Edinburgh, where he studied philosophy. He decided company spokesman said last studied philosophy. He decided night: "There were constructive discussions and these will fessional mountaineer. The same year, he took part



with an American climber. Mr John Harlin, in the first direct ascent in winter of the north face of the Eiger. Mr Harlin was killed on the climb. Mr Haston and his wife Anne later took over the mountaineering school which the American had established at Leysin.

He climbed the south face of Anapurna in 1970 with Mr Don Willans. This year, he was pre-paring for an ascent of K2 paring for an ascent of (Mount Godwin Austen) in the

Himalavas. In another similar accident today, a 29-year-old ski instruc-tor at Laax in the Grisons died

when hit by an avalanche. Obituary, page 16

nousands riot in Cairo after steep food price increases

Helwan where steel workers stoned cars and buses before ordering lorry drivers to take them to Cairo. By the time they reached the

gathered in the surrounding The assembly buildings are only 100 yards from the univer-

"Nasser-Nasser" and "there thousand students and workers, cent. Most workers here take the iron gates found themselves home only £46 sterling a confronting a large and angry The crowd threatened several

plain clothes policemen—and they manhandled two American One Helwan steelworker climbed on the Assembly rail-

ernment down ". The students roared their assent. Some of them began running towards the railings and the guards retreated. One senior policeman, in dress uniform and medals on his chest;

walking coolly into the crowd. Continued on page 7. col 8

The council appreciates that mem-bers of a trade union in the news-

velling slogans against Presican be no liberalization with-Jan 18 dent Sadat and his Government, month while President Sadatout food ?. Egyptian Government's came close to breaking into the in the eyes of his opponents— has been allowing the rich to The authorities here said n to raise food and grounds of the People's Assembly—Cairo's white-stone Parliament building—until riot tonight that two police stations prices by as much as 31 take advantage of the new eco in the Cairo slum quarter near ent provoked long and nomic liberalization symbolised Al Azhar University had been rioting in Cairo tonight police began to shower them by his "open door" policy of The protests today started in produced a camera. set on fire, while unconfirmed re than 5,000 students. foreign investment. with teargas grenades. reports from Alexandria said workers and police each other with batons that Egyptian regular troops The price increases caused

an angry exchange in the had been sent into the city to Alexandria and in the control crowds of rioting dock Assembly yesterday when they were announced by Mr Salah Hamed, the Finance Minister. Because of the disturbances, colleges and schools all over Egypt are to be closed for two The controversy arose not only because of the increase itself—rice, for example, went up by 16 per cent—but because the Government also chose the The battles in Cairo, which

ptcy smashed the win started at 5 pm, had been foreseen by the Government, which put military guards on banks creases in the salaries and pensions of civil servants. post offices during the The price of sugar has risen morning in case of looning. But it is doubtful if it realized that to 25p per kilo, petrol goes up by 31 per cent and gas cylin-ders—there is no mains gas in Egypt—by as much as 46 per the rioting would be on such At one point, several

same moment to announce in-

Corniche beside the River Nile and the dual carriageway along Kasr al-Aini Street, where the American University has its faculties, more than 2,000 students from four colleges had

sity's main entrance and within minutes the policemen behind

people on the pavement-apparently believing them to be

ings, his blue coar torn open at the elbows and his shoes held together by string. He waited a few seconds and then bel-lowed: "Let's bring this Gov-

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Fly the flag. From London to 7 key centres throughout the Gulf and Saudi Arabia. And there's Concorde to Bahrain, as well as wide-bodied TriStars to Kuwait. Abu Dhabi, Dubai and Dhahran. Full details from your Travel Agent or British Airways shop.

Jail remands for girls aged under 15 to be ended in March

about the remaining of juveniles to adult prisons and remand centres by stopping remands for girls under 15 from March 15.

An order under the Children and Young Persons Act, 1969, was laid before Parliament yesterday by Mr Rees, Home Secretary. Courts will no longer have the power to issue a certificate of unruliness in respect of any girl under 15. If she is considered by a court to be un-suitable for bail she will become the responsibility of the local authority while on remand. Although the numbers of girls aged 14 who have been remanded to adult prisons and remand centres is small, many local authorities are bound to be worried now that the respon-sibility for finding secure accommodation for them is

Pressure for space is particularly acute in London, but the Government believed that it would be wrong to hold up implementation of a vital reform because of a difficulty in one part of the country.

The remand of boys to adult until suitable accommodation is available. That depends on local authorities giving such facilities a high priority.

for girls, or for girls and obys, to received into local prisons in observation and assessment between May 1 and September centres are being built or about to be started in London. But they are affected by the present financial constraints.

Magistrates who are anxious that juveniles should not be were aged 14.

Rebuke for

of the Duke

A Labour MP, Mr James

Lamond (Oldham, East), was rebuked by the Speaker in the

Commons yesterday for describ-log as minpudent and ill-

ing as impudent and ill-advised comments made by

the Duke of Edinburgh about the British people's dependence

Mr George Thomas, the Speaker, said it was the established custom that MPs spoke with respect of members of the

When Mr Skinner, Labour MP for Bolsover, remarked:
"He has no respect for wor-

kers ". the Speaker commented :

"All I am asking for is cour-

teous language."
Mr Lamond asked the Prime

Minister whether his talks with the TUC would be impeded by

speeches, impudent enough to

suggest that less attention should be paid to the deprived

and under privileged.

Mr Callaghan replied cautiously that he was not sure how

far the Speaker's ruling went

but that there was no minis-terial responsibility for speeches

by the Duke, and he did not

intend to assume any. He did not think such speeches would

them, on the great understand-ing between the Government

The Duke made his remarks

in an article in the magazine

Director. He was giving his views on the state of the nation. "Arrogance": Earlier yester-

day the Duke was criticized by Labour MPs (the Press Asso-

ciation reports).
Mr Tom Litterick, MP for Birmingham, Selly Oak, said:
"The Duke thinks Toryism is

he ought to have spoken with

income tax because she is the eldest living descendant of the

Electress Sophia of Hanover. I presume therefore that Prince Philip will advocate that some

of his family's tax privileges, based solely on inheritance, should be given up to help others less fortunate."

Mrs Colquhoun (Northampton, North), said: "He has be-

come rather a British joke, the kind of anachronism the coun-try has to live with."

More than 30,000 school-children in Wiltsbire were

given a day off yesterday because of a 24-hour strike by

members of the National Union of Public Employees against

Strike holiday

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and the union movement.

By Our Parliamentary

critic

Westminster

on state aid.

The Government is to go some it is not necessary to build way towards meeting concern about the remanding of juven them. They think people in charge of community homes could be persuaded to use exist-ing facilities if they overcame their resistance to locking chil-

dren up. Those who abhor the practice of remands in custody for chil-dren point out that about 40 per cent of the juveniles who are remanded to prisons later receive non-custodial sentences.

Mr Rees's order represents a step towards implementing the Government's policy, announced in a White Paper last May, that the remand of all juveniles to prisons and adult remand centres should cease as soon as

The White Paper, which was a response to a Commons select committee, promised that the remand of girls aged 14 would cease by the end of last year.

part of the country.

Some buildings that would provide secure accommodation for girls, or for girls and boys, 16 received into local prisons.

backs NCB retirement scheme

By Tim Jones

Momentum for a rejection of the National Coal Board's offer on early retirement for mineon early rensement in mine-workers slackened unexpectedly yesterday when miners' leaders representing the South Wales coalfield decided overwhelmingly to accept the proposed scheme.

Delegates in Yorkshire and Scotland have voted against acceptance, South Wates, considered a militant area, had been expected to vote with

The South Wales area of the National Union of Mineworkers has always insisted that surface workers should be included in the scheme, which will give miners retirement at 62 from August 1, reducing to 60 in mid-1979. There will be bellot among the 250,000 miners on January 26 and 27.

Mr Emlyn Williams, presi-

dent of the South Wales miners said yesterday that an assurance from the union's executive that negotiations would be held on including surface workers in the scheme had strongly influenced their deci-

The decision strengthened speculation that the union as a whole will vote decisively in favour of the deal in the ballot. Mr Lawrence Daly, the union's general secretary, said vesterday that most older surface workers were covered by the proposed retirement plan.

Minister pledges Commons Stocks are almost exhausted. The university, however, says fuel stocks are "fairly high" and that there will be no difficulty "if there is an early statement on vaccine

Mr Ennals, Secretary of State written reply yesterday: "I am for Social Services, is to make seeing Sir Charles Stuarta full statement on vaccination. Harris, chairman of the joint to the Commons soon because of controversy over brain damage caused to vaccinated children. He has been much questioned by MPs about the dangers of whooping cough vaccine.

He told Mr Robert Adley, Conservative MP for Christ- brain damage after being given church and Lymington, in a whooping-cough vaccine.

committee on vaccination and immunization, on Wednesday, and shortly thereafter I shall be making a full statement on vaccination to the House."
Sir Idwal Pugh, the Ombuds-

man for Health, agreed on Mon-day to study individual cases of children who had suffered

South Wales | TUC warning over 'cheap energy' policy

Mr Frank Chapple chairman hall and removed from the more coal-fired power stations overall demand for energy and of the TUC fuel and power public domain.

and an early government decidits indigenous supplies of fossil and the more coal-fired power stations. industries committee, gave 2 warning yesterday that Britain would pay dearly by the end of the century if she tried to do things on the chesp.

He said it was not always wise to go for the chespest fuel; it could cause economic difficulties later, particularly when supplies ran out. The unions wanted a say in energy policy and were pressing for a substantial TUC representation on the proposed energy com-

Mr Chapple, general secre-tary of the Electrical, Electronic, Telecommunications and Plumbing Union, told the Telecommunications, Shell Mex Fuels luncheon club in London: We are not prepared to rescue the formulation of energy policy from the short-term vagaries of the market place only to see it taken over by bureaucrats in White-

Unions set

university

By Christopher Thomas

Trade unions say they are

prepared to allow Birmingham University to close unless demands for improved holidays

for technicians are met.

The Association of Scientific.

Technical and Managerial Staffs (ASTMS) says in plans to intensify picketing of the university to stop supplies. Mr Reginald Bird, the national officer, said last night: "We know they have no oil, and coal stacks are almost explanated?"

The Transport and General

Workers' Union has told mem-

bers not to cross picket lines,

although the university says

The university says the dispute is over a claim by the

ASTMS for seven weeks' holi-

day for technicians. That was denied by the union, which says

the claim is for four weeks.

Ninety-nine technicians have

been on strike at Birmingham

for some months. The action has

stopped the main computer.

many have done so.

to close

"Trade unionists do not consider that in such a vital sector as energy the forces of the market place will lead to the best decisions on investment, and an early government decision. He said the latter programme must be started now if total from the large Selby field was to be marketed in the early government that the proposed. Drax B

research and development.

"In the recent past fuel policy in Britain has taken the passive form of exploiting the fuel with the cheapest current price in the market place and neglecting the development of other sources. "Such a policy causes great conomic difficulties later

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By George Clark

representatives.

Political Correspondent

Abuse of the EEC green

troying the confidence or British farmers, Mr Richard the confidence

Butler, deputy president of the

National Farmers' Union, told

the House of Lords select com-

mittee on the "green pound", the EEC's unit of account, yes-

terday. Evidence was heard

from farmers' and consumers'

"On entry into the Com-munity, the United Kingdom

accepted common pricing and the other basic principles of the

common agricultural policy (CAP)", Mr Butler said. "Other

Community countries regarded

this as a serious commitment, and so did British farmers. On

this basis, there was confidence

about the long-term prospects of British agriculture and our

farmers were encouraged to

consider investment in expan-

Those prospects had changed.

The British Government had adopted most of the mechanisms of the CAP while, through the

operation of the green pound, it had retained national control over price levels. Producers saw

r being used in a way that had

little regard for the needs of

British agriculture.
"The intention of the Com-

Move to curb

Commons role

Mr Douglas Henderson,

Scottish National Party MP for

Aberdeenshire, East, tabled an

amendment yesterday to the

devolution Bill to bar Scottish MPs from discussing and voting

on exclusively English matters

many Scottish MPs would still

be sent to Westminster to help

to- make decisions on English

Scots MPs'

By Our Political Staff

of the EEC 6.com
'arrangements is des-he confidence of

when supplies of cheap energy are exhausted or interrupted alternative domestic sources have been run down. "The latest example of this danger was the difficulty caused by the sudden quadrupling of crude oil prices three years ago. The mining unions had been pointing to this possibility since the early 1960s."

He urged the building of between the United Kingdom's

early 1980s.

He said that failure by the Central Electricity Generating Board to commit itself to a steady ordering pattern would lead to unemployment and to imports of generating equip-

The energy crisis would begin to bite in the 1990s and it was imperative to determine policies for transport until the end of the century and beyond,
Mr Ray Buckton, general
secretary of the Associated
Society of Locomotive
Engineers and Firemen, told
the Chartered Institute of

and even with the recent wel-come improvement in market

This has created a very dis-turbing situation for British farmers."

It was now accepted that a

change in the green pound rate

would have only a relatively small effect on the general cost of living. "Even so, we cannot deny that there would be some

effect, and, in calling for green

rate adjustments, we are mindful of the national need

to keep down stort-term infla-

ing only that the rate shall be set at such a level as will

enable producers to earn the

tunds necessary to finance investment for the kind of

expansion described in the Gov-

ernment's White Paper. Food

from Our Own Resources. We

ask that, as far as possible, the green pound issue should be

In a memorandum to the

committee, the NFU stated: valuation

taken out of politics."

"For the present we are ask-

tionary pressures.

Jail protes puts extra

fuel.
"The end of the century is now a mere 23 years away. Decisions will have to be taken within the next few years based on a calculated assessment of the effects of technological advances and diminishing resources."

Transport policy would depend on energy policy. Elec-tricity was the power that ould give Britain the flexibility to change to whatever transport was most economical. For the nation's prosperity, future transport policy must be centred on that product. Money must be made available for the eventual total electrification of the whole railway

system. The Government was limiting investment, but he predicted a change in thinking in the not too distant future, because of pressure generated by the Opec countries.

is to court the danger of dis-torting the optimum allocation of resources in British agricul-

industry the opportunity to ex-pand its import-saving role."

public affairs, Consumers' Asso-

ciation, disagreed with the NFU's view that it would be

preferable to move to a system

whereby the European Commis-

sion automatically adjusted the

green pound rate to match the

The present green pound gap

was about 40 per cent. To eliminate that, which was what

the EEC Commission was aim-

He submitted figures indi-cating that in 1977 the price of

a pound of butter would go up by 231p under the transitional

arrangements and allowing for the reduction of subsidy and a

41 per cent green pound de-

changes in currency values.

Dr William Roberts, head of

time yesterday, and ref supervise workshops. So their clients inside the A week ago Thomas Hughes escaped from while being escorted Leicester prison to Ches Magistrates' Court. He a NFU attack on 'green pound abuse' both prison officers according him and later my four people in the Der munit: was that green rates "In the long term there can should be brought gradually be no justification for maininto line with real rates and taining any gap between the village of Eastmoor be: was cornered and shot o police marksmen. that must remain the objective", he said. "Last year the and the value which is used Government refused to adjust for converting Community inthe green pound despite the stitutional prices into their rapid depreciation of sterling, sterling equivalents. To do so

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The police were ca

Leicester prison yester transport remand priso

courts after nearly two h

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action in protest at the Secretary's refusal to b

Prison staff at Leice gan their action at b

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The staff at Leiceste no indication yesterday long their industrial would last, despite from executive members come improvement in make a come improvement in a composition of resources in British as a composition of resources in Br cooperate with Mr Fowler, the Chief Inspe Prisons, who has been ted by Mr Rees, the Hor retary, to investigate the dent and the general s conditions at the priso prison staff have said th not cooperate unless a pendent person is appoint conduct the inquiry.

Several prison office they came off dury last said their protest cou-indefinitely. One said: " that a prison depa inquiry will whitewash t issues."

ing for, would increase the United Kingdom farm price for butter by about the same Knife was officers at Leicester kne a long bone-handled kni missing from the fail I when William Hughes Ie taxi (our Leicester Cor:

It was disclosed last that Hughes had worked

scale search, which is n and it would have meant prisoner being locked u then a thorough search m fused by an officer h governor's rank. A r search, bowever, place."

Derailment was caused by speeding, report says

By a Staff Reporter The biggest share of responsibility for the Nuneaton train crash on June 6, 1975, must lie with the locomotive's driver, Mr John McKay, according to the propane gas equipment used for official report on the disaster, which is published today. Six people lost their lives in the crash and 38 were injured, 10 of them seriously.

Illuminating the sign was improperly used.

Because of a failure of the gas mantle the warning board light went out at about 22.30 of them seriously.

Social contract Condemned

a three-day trial he was found not guilty.

The report adds that Mr Mc-Kay should not carry the responsibility alone. "All those who failed to use the warningboard propane gas equipment as it should have been used . . . must share some of responsibility", it states.

The report concludes that the speed of about 80mph over a section of track subject to a

drivers. In addition, warning boards, speed indicators and termination of restriction indicators were correctly sited. At propane gas equipment used for illuminating the sign was im-

when the Scottish assembly is set up.

The SNP had proposed the move in an effort to soothe English complaints that too at three-day trial he was found

The SNP had proposed the manslaughter. After a three-day trial he was found none of them reported it, as they should have done, accord-

> Mr McKay maintained in evidence, the report says, that he was keeping a careful watch for the warning board. When he saw no sign of it he con-cluded that the speed restriction had been lifted, and con-23.30 Euston to Glasgow night sleeper train was driven at a speed of about 20mb such a decision, it was this that led directly to the derailment", the report says.

speed restriction of 20mph.

Information about the speed restriction was correctly published in a printed notice for S1.60).

Report on the Derailment that near Hminster, Somerset, published in a printed notice for S1.60).

Weather forecast and recordings \cdot

kitchen in the jail duri remand. One of the officers said: "When the was missed we became cerned because we knew I as a dangerous man.

"An officer asked for

Mr John Cousins, one leading contenders in the Jones as general secreta the Transport and Ge that the social contract failed to solve Britain's main troubles; inflation employment and balance o ments difficulties.

Four die in crash

Four people were killer two injured in a col between two cars and a

normal human nature. As one of the best-kept social security claimants in the country I think a better sense of responsibility. On earnings by pensioners Queen Victoria's age. It is Mr Michael English (Norting-ham, West), said: "His wife has complete exemption from

Sunderland yesterday.

The Government yesterday survived an attack on its proposal to keep the earnings rule for retirement pensioners at £35 after next April.

In a Commons standing committee on the Social Security (Miscellaneous Provisions) Bill voting was seven to seven on the issue. The chairman, Mr Bonner Pink, Conservative MP for Portsmouth, South, gave his casting vote in support of the

The Conservatives, with the support of the only Liberal on the committee, Mr Cyril Smith, were trying to amend the provisions so that the earnings rule of £50, approved previously by Parliament, would become effective in April.

The Government now intends of Public Employees against to relate the figure to earnings, proposed government spending and it is expected to be made cuts.

Government win | Mr Prentice says Labour candidates will defy whips

he resigned as a Cabiner minister, told the Tory Reform Group yesterday that several Labour candidates at the next election would campaign on a platform of defying the whips.

The left-wing tone of the last party conference was unacceptable to many, he said, and some of his colleagues would be un-able to accept more extreme parts of a manifesto based on it.

Group that perhaps he should, in retrospect, have resigned earlier from the Government. Although he refused to respond to appeals for a leader to come forward and break the party mould; Mr Premice said a national crisis might come upon us at any time. The more discussions between like-minded people before it, the better.

Plea to allow

a Cypriot

By a Staff Reporter

in Britain.

from two or more.

The second was that the Con-servative Party would remain, but recaptured by the "civi-lized" group in the party, while the Labour Party would "shake off" its left wing and perhaps come to some sort of terms with the Liberals.

Mr Prentice, who may fight the next election as an independent, disowned by his local party, hopes British politics will become more like American solition can politics. The attraction of the Republi-

can and Democratic parties was can and Democratic parties was that they accepted society broadly as it stood. In British terms, a slightly left-of-centre party and a slightly right-of-centre party would be agreed on the mixed economy, the rule of law, and the Western alliance. Differences would be of emphasis. emphasis. Mr Neville Sandelson, a

second threatened right-wing Labour politician, faces a crucial local party meeting in his Hayes constituency on Sun-day. He has been unwilling to comment on reports that, if defeated, he will resign and fight a by-election.

The proposal might embarrass the Labour Party. Ministers have not disputed the suggestion that 71 Scottish MPs have to remain at Westminster because many are Labour

The Duchess of Kent with shippard workers after a launching at George Ince injured in jail On the eve of a campaign,

to be mounted today, to press for the release from prison of Il defy whips

parties in Parliament, with a coalition government forming from the release from prison of George Ince, who is serving a 15-year sentence for his part in a bullion robbery five years ago, it was disclosed last night that he was under observation in the hospital wing of Gartree prison, Leicester, with injuries to his wrists.

The Home Office said the injuries were inflicted nearly a month ago. No other person-was involved.

Men killed swan in Hyde Park

Two men said to have killed a swan in Hyde Park, belonging to the Queen, by throwing it and pulling its head off, were fined the maximum £5 with £80 costs at Bow Street Magistrates' Court yesterday under the Pro-tection of Birds Act.

Dr Latif Azan Vaghefy, aged 29, and Kaveh Jafari, 28. an economics student, both from Iran and staying at Mirabel Road, Fulham, heard Mr David Barr, the magistrate, describe it as an unpleasant and unhappy case.

Magazine for sale

The news magazine Time and Tide is for sale at an asking price of £150,000, it was amounced yesterday.

New Moon: 2.11 pm. New Moon: 2.11 pm. Lighting up: 4.57 pm to 7.25 am. High water: London Bridge, 1.14 am, 6.8m (22.2ft); 1.41 pm, 6.9m (22.5ft). Avonmouth, 6.56 am, 13.4m (44.0ft); 7.19 pm, 13.3m (43.7ft). Dover, 10.40 am, 6.6m (21.8ft); 11.4 pm, 6.8m (22.5ft). Hull, 5.47 am, 7.2m (23.7ft); 8.1 pm, 7.4m (24.4ft). Liverpool, 10.51 am, 9.5m (31.1ft); 11.19 pm, 9.2m (30.3ft).

Forecasts for 6 am to midnight: Pressure will be low to the W of Britain, while a trough over E districts moves slowly E. London, SE England, East Anglla: Rain or drizzle at first, bright or clear intervals later, scattered showers: wind SE, moderate, veering W; max temp 6°C (43°F).

7.56 am

7.13 am

Central S and N England, E Midlands: Rather cloudy, bright lottervals developing, scattered showers; wind mainly W, light

or moderate: max (43°F). temp 6°C E and NE England: Rain or drizzle at first, snow, especially on high ground, bright or clear inter-

vals later, scattered showers; wind SE, moderate, veering SW; max temp 6°C (43°P). W Midlands, Channel Islands, SW England. S Wales: Sunny Intervals, scattered showers, perhaps more general rain later; wind SW, light or moderate, increasing tresh; max temp 7°C to 9°C (45°F to 48°F).

N Wales, NW England, Lake District: Bright intervals, occa-sional showers, possibly wintry on high ground; wind SW, moderate or fresh: max temp 6°C (43°F). lsie of Man. SW and NW Scnt-land, Glasgow, Argyll, N Ireland: Bright intervals, showers, heavy in places, sleet or snow on hills; wind SW, fresh or strong; max temp 6°C to 8°C (43°F to 46°F). Borders, Edicburgh, Dundse, Aberdeen, Central Highlands, Moray Firth: Outhreaks of rain or snow, becoming brighter, scattered wintry showers; wind SE, fresh, veering SW; max temp 5°C (41°F).

NE Scotland, Orkney, Shetland : WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud; d, drizzle;

Majgiy cloudy, outbreaks of r snow; wind SE, frest rong; max temp 5°C (41° Outlook for tomorrow and day : Rather cloudy, rain at t sleet or snow on higher gro temp rather below normal; night frost and parchy fog. Sea passages: S. North Sea passages: S North Strait of Dover: Wind SE or strong, becoming variable moderate, locally rough at fir English Channel (E): Wind, able, becoming: W moderate; St George's Channel, Irish Wind S to SW, fresh or str locally gate at first; sea mode

Press Council condemns 'censorship' of 'Times'

Continued from page 1 Continued from page 1
newspaper. They are specifically designed to achieve reparation by correcting inaccuracies and, in appropriate cases, providing the right of reply by the quotation of the complainant's response to the disputed publication, backed by the council's declaration of the complainant's right to have that reply published in the offending newspaper or periodical. This machinery being available to any trade unionists who were aggreed by what The Times proposed to publish on January 13, 1977, they were wrong to take action to prevent publication. Their proper course would have been to write a reply addressed to the editor of The Times and to have complained to the Press Council if that letter was not published in the course. Council if that letter was not pub-lished in due course. What they in fact did was censor-ship, which is rotally unacceptable in a country which enjoys freedom of expression and freedom of the

The Press Conocil has said on

reiterate, that action of this kind endangers hard-won freedoms which, once lost, will be difficult to recover and each repetition of such action makes that danger the

greater.

The council therefore condemns action of this kind and urges all sections of the industry to ensure cooperation in preserving the essential freedoms of free speech, a free press and the right to protest. test. Union accepts statement: Mr

Kenneth Smith, father (chairman) of the National Graphical Association machine managers Association machine managers chapel (office branch) at The Times, said last night that he accepted the Press Council statement (the Press Association reports).

Asked if the chapel members would accept what the Press Council called the "proper course" of action, he said: "If this is the agreed machinery

By David Leigh

Political Staff

Mr Reg Prentice, who has been purposefully talking to non-Labour organizations since

That prospect is the mildest outcome Mr Prentice sees of the present political situation; he told the centrist Reform

He saw two relatively dramatic possibilities in the future. One was that electoral reform would lead to four or five

family to remain

Lord Avebury, chairman of he Parliamentary Committee or Human Rights, has urged

Mr John, Minister of State at the Home Office, to allow a Cypriot family of four of mixed Turkish-Greek origin to remain

in Britain.

Mrs Zehra Oguz, aged 37, who came to Britain to join her husband, Mr Oguz Osman, was still being held in detention at Heathrow last night pending consideration of representations. Mr Osman's application to remain permanently has been rejected, although he is likely to appeal.

MP describes Agee appeal procedure as a farce By Our Political Staff

Mr Alex Lyon, a former Home Office minister, said yes-terday that the appeal procedure for deportation cases like that of Mr Philip Agee, the former Central Intelligence
Agency employee, was a farce.
Mr Lyon, Labour MP for
York, Said in a letter to Mr
Rees, Home Secretary, that he
had supported the use of the
procedure until now. But his procedure until now. But his present experience had con-vinced him that in future the

criminal court, whatever the diplomatic repercusions". The case, in which Mr Agee had to appeal to a panel of three advisers without knowledge of the grounds on which the Home Office wanted to deport him, has led to doubts in that department about the pare. that department about the prac-ticability of the special procedure laid down for security

Hosenball appeal: Mr Mark Hosenball, an American journalist on the Evening Standard in London who is facing deportamarginal cases where the tion for security reasons, will deportee disputes the allegabegin his representations to the tions should be tried by a panel roday

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ransport buffet cars are censured.
dent Urgent action to deal with
iforms in British Rail litter is called for. The powdered tea and coffee

introduced in recent months are said to be below the standard of the drinks previously served from pots. The container they are served in are condemned as unstable and too hot to hold. Catering on stations is generally approved. Station buffets are often more attractive than outside establishments, and

compare especially well with motorway services, the report The committee suggests that train catering should be let out on franchise where British Rail finds it uneconomic. Other sug-

gestions it put forwar dare cheaper alternatives to the set meal, such as bacon and egg, greater encouragement to cleanliness, more litter bins, greater initiative on the part of local management and restoration of ill restaurant car ser- catering services on long-tisfactory with good distance trains that are without cooked food. But them. catering services on long-

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male des Chauffeurs (UICR). sociation says that if any bring sandwiches are being made to dards and to increase membership of the

n. Only a thousand drivers belong at ut of 30,000 who visit inent regularly. This with more than

many and other European coun

"The Continental driver is paid more, enjoys a higher pro-fessional status and expects to live better", Mr Richard Reed, secretary general of the UICR's British wing, the Continental Freight Drivers Club, said yes-terday. In France drivers enjoyed special terms at hotels and restaurants approved by the

Negotiations were starting with one of the small motorway Continental standards in their premises. "Part of the problem is the professional status of the British driver; how he sees himself and is seen by others", Mr Reed said. "With a sub-sistence allowance of £4 a daymany would rather sleep in a slum and eat baked beans for

'a waste of

By Arthur Reed
The inquiry into whether
European air fares are too high had been "little short of a fiasco", Mr Robert McCrindle, purliamentary consultant to the Guild of Business Travel Agents, said yesterday.

What little of concrete value that emerged from the discussions appeared to have confirmed the attitudes of the airlines that European air fares are not, in the main, overpriced in comparison with those in the United States.

"The truth is that this was little more than a public relations exercise on the part of the authority to appease the Airline Users' Committee, and it seems that this consumer body was out of its depth when it originally criticized the level of European air fares, and has stumbled on lile an innocent in the jungle", he said.

He was surprised that the
Civil Aviation Authority had
lent its authority to "this waste

The best prospect of reducng air fares in Europe was to develop bilateral arrangements on advance purchase, some evidence of which had been given in the announcement of new fares between London and Greece, Turkey and Italy. The CAA inquiry concluded

vesterday after Mr Harvey Crush, representing a group of three of the smaller British in-dependent airlines, had asked the authority to see that the business traveller was not sub-sidizing, through a high level of fares, passengers on the same flight going on holiday. During the inquiry British

Airways announced new lowcost advance purchase fares, but said that sterling prices for fares ought to be raised rather than lowered. British Caledonian said that proposals to simplify the European tariff would lead to fares being raised,

rather than falling.
The CAA yesterday rejected
Mr McCrindle's criticisms commenting that it had been "an extremely useful exercise in clarifying issues for both the authority and airlines".

Work in London's East End has disappeared faster than people

'Homes before jobs' policy being questioned

Planning Reporter

The Government is likely to be pressed during 1977 to adopt a more discriminating policy on employment incentives. It will be urged to concentrate its efforts on the districts worst affected, including the inner cities, which Mr Shore, Secretary of State for the Environ-

ment, has promised will be given special consideration. Nearly half of Britain's popu lation lives in so-called assisted areas. To classify whole regions as in need of special help, it is argued, is to obscure the real difficulties; the unemployment figures for the North-west, for instance, tend to disguise the acute crisis in parts of Mersey-

> Even in Greater London, where unemployment is slightly position in some inner districts is as bad as anywhere in the country. Yet because the Southbe relatively prosperous, they receive no help.

It is just a year since the Greater London Council reversed the policy it started 25 years ago of encouraging dis-persal from the inner city. It is generally accepted that a thinning out of the formerly teeming East End slums, for

population has fallen by more than a third, yet unemployment is still well over twice the national average. By contrast Uxbridge enjoys virtually full employment, although its population in the same period has increased by more than a

The fact, which nobody evidently foresaw a quarter of a providing an extra 4,000 jobs. century ago, is that jobs have disappeared faster than people. Inspired by that strange slo-gan, "Homes before jobs", the planners decided that the nearest and easiest solution to overcrowded slums was comprehensive redevelopment, alkied to new zoning regulations that displaced thousands of small industries simply because they were adjudged to be

conforming".
Some inner London boroughs though not all, are now con-vinced that the policy was a disaster, that they can expect little practical help from either the Government or the GLC, and that regeneration will depend largely on their own efforts.

The outstanding example is instance, was necessary and Greenwich which took the lead

of work.

Since then, Mr George says, some £10m has been invested them any incentives", he point in existing industry, creating ted out. "All we can do is to encourage them, make them markable, 120 new firms have moved into more than a million square feet of refurbished factory space, representing an investment of some £20m and

desirable, but the accompanying by appointing an employment to keep in close touch with development officer, Mr George ners' dream of a new life for the inhabitants who remained has failed to come true.

In Poplar and Steppey, the heart of the old East End, the population has falled by more of work.

by appointing an employment to keep in close touch with development officer, Mr George Prince, as long ago as 1963. At that time, after the closure of and secondly, to concentrate on extracting small firms that have been displaced by redevelopment officer, Mr George Prince, as long ago as 1963. At that time, after the closure of and secondly, to concentrate on extracting small firms that have been displaced by redevelopment of the total local labour force of 100,000 was out central London.

"We are not able to offer feel they are wanted and give them all the help we can in obtaining industrial development certificates and so on." There are still formidable difficulties, notably the high His policy has been, first, cost of land, rent and rates.

UNEMPLOYMENT AND POPULATION LOSS IN LONDON

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h 8.6	Hammersmith	241	170	29.5
2.8	Kingston	147	136	—7.5
	Barnet	320	297	—7.1
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Lesson for newer towns in cities' decay

By Our Planning Reporter The idea that the crisis facing the inner cities is a fairly new phenomenon, caused by the rapid collapse of industrial employment in the early 1960s, is challenged in a booklet published yesterday.
It is based on detailed studies

by the National Community. Development Project of five specific small areas; Benwell and North Shields in the Northeast, Batley in West Yorkshire, Saltley in Birmingham, and Canning Town in east London. concludes that the decay, which is attracting so much artention, is simply the final which began as long ago as the end of the First World War. "Decline has not been a simple process", it observes. "The collapse of the old industries is only one part of it, a part which has set up a long chain reaction. The surplus of unemployed workers, empty land and buildings left behind by the collapse of the traditional industries were soon exploited in new ways by new

"The growth of the new activities may have mopped up some of the unemployed in some areas, but it has not reversed the decline of these areas' economic bases; it has stage in a pattern of growth, areas' economic bases; it has stability and decline, the last of only served to disguise the full

New manufacturing, ware-housing and distribution businesses are attracted to older premises, which they can premises, which they can either rent cheaply or buy and convert at little cost. But their investment commitments are slight, and most of the jobs provided are low-paid and involve little skill.

Of the land released by the decline of older industries, much has simply remained derelict; more than a third of Salt-ley's industrial belt has been unused for years. But the pro-perty boom of the 1970s also provided large profits from investing in land rather than manufacturing industry, and

some companies were able to solve their cash-flow difficulties and supplement their capital by asset-stripping ".

The booklet advances no specific solutions, although it condemns both the capitalist system and government policies of intervention and regional aid. It also gives a warning that the istory of the five areas studied contains a lesson for newer and apparently more successful towns and cities.

The Costs of Industrial Change.
(Home Office Urban Deprivation
Unit, Horseferry House, Dean
Ryle Street, London, SW1P 2AW,
and CDP offices in Birmingham,
Newham, Newcastle and North
Tyneside, 80p.)

Appeal for directives on school spending

Correspondent

The National Association of Head Teachers in a statement today asks the Government to issue "directives" on the amount of money local education authorities should spend on maintaining minimum standards in schools.

Mr Michael Brighouse, chairman of the association's educational administration committee, says he wants the Government to prevent the teacher-pupil ratio from falling below the 1975 level. He would like to sec ninimum standards laid down for the amounts to be spent for a child on books, stationery and

The association, which represents about 18,000 head teachers in state schools, says it is worried about the wide differences in school spending between local authorities. Each authority is allowed to decide how it allocates the rate-support grant among its different public ser-

Mr Brighouse says that worsening pupil-teacher ratios were particularly harmful to primary schools in towns, causing more children to leave school illiterate and semi-literate. In secondary schools O-level and A-level options were being abandoned

halfway through the course. The association also says tha charges for school meals should be raised. State subsidies on milk and meals should be re-moved from the education budget and transferred to the Department of Health and Social

Security.

The statement says buses providing free travel for pupils living long distances from school were picking up other children free of charge. Those children should be charged economic

Rampton Hospital fire

Five patients were moved from a dormitory at the top-Rampton Hospital, Nottinghamshire, yesterday, when fire broke out in a locker

IS costs to patients icized by dentists

Health Service harges suggest scant i the dental health of m by a government towards a unfined to the priority d recipients of social grants the British Association says in

resent dental charges or £12 if dentures are The memorandum nat there can be no stification for levying on the patients of and opticians while es of treatment are

the National Health

of money because of nt financial policies to a deterioration of dental nursing which puts the safety

ts in doubt, the associ-

ervices Correspondent service expenditure fell from I Health Service 5.1 to 4.3 and the number of

work rose from 11,900 to 13,200. The number of dental courses increased from almost 20 million to more than 30 million, and the average cost, including the patients contribution, from £3.40 to £7.20. Within the dentist was responsible for 5,210 pupils in 1974, compared with 4.950 in 1964.

4,500 in 1954.

However, although Britain had a worse patient dentist ratio than most Western countries, the trends indicated that dental disease would be contained, and that the imbalance in regional distribution of dentists was being contion of dentists was being cor-

The number of dentists in the South-east had increased by only. 4 per cent in the past decade against 21 per cent in the rest of Britain. There were now 3,234 patients for each dentist in the South-east and 4923 in other regions of 10 years from 1965 the 4,923 in other regions of he dental services as England and Wales.

_ional campaign over safety suggested might involve simply cutting off an appliance or turning off

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Moderates oust

yesterday to have been a "gas explosion of some sort" (our Bristol correspondent reports).

Moderate members of the Labour Party have won control of a vital ward in Bradford, West, constituency where Mr Edward Lyons faces a strong challenge from left-wingers.

They have taken over key positions in Allerton West branch and have won three of the ward's four seats on the constituency management com-mittee ousting left-wingers from

ruglas, aged 30, an elec-married with two chil-Holland Road, Willes-d been accused of an armed robbery after cked out on an identity by a bystander who
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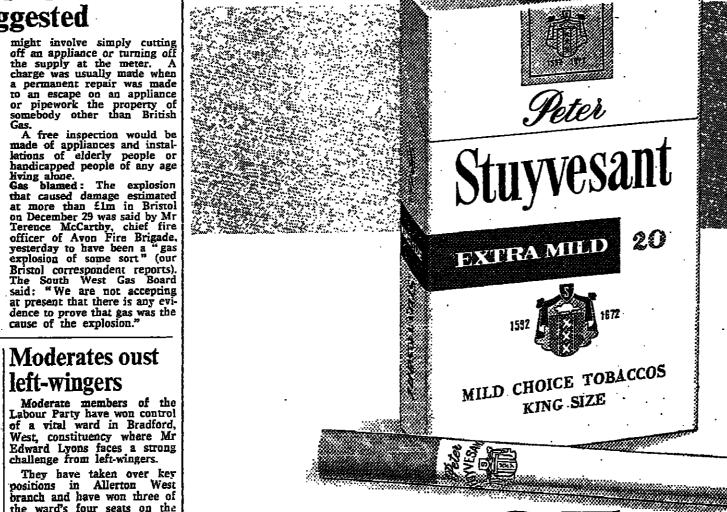
left-wingers

PC badly injured by train

Police Constable Michael Taylor, aged 27, was struck by a train at Sowerby Bridge station, West Yorkshire, yesterday while investigating a suspected case of vandalism on a railway

signal. He was near a tunnel when he was hit, and suffered severe n when they discovered nisrake had been made. head and chest injuries.

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300 supermarkets defy drivers' decision to keep price of loaf at 18p in England and 19p in Scotland

More than three hundred supermarkets defied a move by van drivers yesterday to determine the minimum price of a large wrapped loaf at 18p in England and 19p in Scotland. Two grocery companies said supplies were disrupted much less than last week, despite Monday's decision by drivers' leaders in the United Road Transport Union to adopt an

That decision is to be considered by the union executive on Saturday. Some supermarket companies expect to be allowed to sell large wrapped loaves for less than 18p until then.

Mr Jackson Moore, general ecretary of the union, said esterday that only a few supernarkets would try to sell such oaves for less than 18p.

Mr Archibald Elliott, con-rener of shop stewards who represent drivers in the Trans-port and General Workers' Union, said that only five stores

for less than 19p.

The Key Markets group said bread had been delivered to all its 92 shops for sale at 174p. Last week several had faced disruption of supplies. Mr David Gaulfield, managing director, deplored the union's decision to fix an 18p minimum. "I believe the housewife is tired of being dictated to ", he said. "Why should she not be allowed to choose where she buys her bread, as she was happy to do before all this

government and union inter-Sainsbury reported that it was selling bread packed under its own name for 17p in all its two hundred shops except in 18 in Yorkshire and the Midlands. Asda, the retailing arm of Associated Dairies, said that between twenty and thirty of the 57 supermarkets had large its 57 supermarkets had large wrapped loaves for sale at 17p.

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in Scotland were selling bread for less than 19p.

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Last week several had faced disruption of supplies. Mr David Gaulfield, managing is no trouble."

Trefused to sell at a higher price,", the company said. Keenway, the Liverpool-based group of 21 shops that trades as far south as Oxfordshire, was selling at 17p throughout, and said: "At the moment there

Fine Fare said "a handful" of its supermarkets in Scotland were selling at 17p, although some had been refused sup-plies".

Farm warning

Farmers told Mr Silkin, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, yesterday that they would take militant action against pigmeat imports failing aid for British pig

Mr Martin Baber, who farms 300 acres in Gloucestershire, said after meeting Mr Silkin that action would include the possibility of hijacking Danish bacon lorries and blocking "We have had bread taken

Forced sale of S African

vestment in South Africa was demanded in London yesterday by the Anti-Apartheid Movement. In a letter to the Prime Minister, it called on the

after this, there will be very strong pressure for the law to change", he said.

The call for an end to the holding of South African defence bonds by British com-panies is aimed particularly at Barclays Bank, which invested £6m in the bonds last mooth.

Mr Minty's movement main-tains that the South African Government is engaged in a systematic attack on the country's black labour movement. It cites the recent banning of trade unionists in Johannesburg.

instead the Covernment would command general public support that might not be avail-able for a special benefit paid workers. to deserted, separated and Embargo effects, page 7 divorced wives.

all one-parent families.



Show goes on: Miss Donna McKechnie, the Broadway actress, at the Theatre Royal Drury Lane, London, yesterday, after it had been announced that Equity, the actors' union, had withdrawn its objection to her taking over the leading role of Cassie in its objection to her taking over the leading role of Cassie in A Chorus Line at Drury Lane next Monday. The union had been given an undertaking that a British actress would take over from the American within four weeks. The player who will be taking over is Miss Petra Siniawski, from Liverpool. She has been understudying Miss Elizabeth Seal, the British dancer, who was dropped from the role of Cassie by the musical show's producer and director. Equity said vesterday that it deplored the circumstances of her dismissal, and would give her full support in any claim she might make for damages. Miss McKechnie, who joins the cast for the next four weeks, is the wife of Mr Michael Bennett, the show's director. She said: "I am relieved that it has all been settled.

Mr Powell's fear of 'nothing to die for'

By a Staff Reporter Mr Enoch Powell, MP, said

yesterday that he was haunted by the fear that the erosion of British nationhood by such events as Commonwealth immigration and membership of the EEC would soon leave the British with nothing left to die

He was giving a lunchtime talk on patriotism at St Lawrence Jewry, next Guildhall, in the City of London, and defined the quality as having a nation to die for, and being glad to die for it all the days of one's life. The person who claims to be a patriot should be bewared of as much as the man who claims he is honest, he said.

According to the vicar, the Rev Basil Watson, who intro-duced Mr Powell as a great patriot and an honourable Eng-lishman, his church had never held such numbers before. They were sitting and standing in

Mr Powell said that the idea of a common national allegi-ance to the Crown in Parliament was central to all his political ideas. That common alle-giance had been nullified by "the humbug and pretence and self-deception of the British Nationality Act, 1948".

He would not have chosen to become the eponymous expon-ent of the doctrine that mass immigration from the New Commonwealth would be, by its numbers and distribution, destructive of the nation. The bests for his conviction was not generic, nor eugenic, nor racial, partly because he had never been able to discover what race meant, and had never arranged his fellow men on a scale of merit according to their origin. The basis was political.

"It is the belief that selfidentification of each part with the whole is the one essential precondition of being a parliamentary nation; and that the massive shift in the composition of the population of the inner metropolis and of major towns and cities of England will produce, not fortuitously or avoidably but by the sheer inevitabilities of human nature in society, ever increasing and more dangerous alienation."

There was no individual, how ever remote and strange his background and origins, who could not achieve the selfidentification that was the touchstone of belonging to a nation. "But from the individual to the millions there runs no line of analogy or deduction. If I could believe it, I would; but I cannot."

In brief

14 years' jail for Ulster gir

Eileen Teresa Morg 18, who was said planted fire bombs in : in Newry, co Down, in noon, was sentenced a City Commission yest 14 years' imprisonmen Miss Morgan, of I Newry, refused to reco arson and possessing a ing incendiary devices on November 21, 1975.

Solicitor's death A post-mortem exa was carried out yeste Mr David McCaig, a aged 27, whose body w in a field near Andove shire, on Monday. Hi

Police said they do not

Uranium applica: Orkney Islands Cou received an application the South of Scotlar tricity Board for permitmake 11 exploratory by in connexion with the exploitation of uraniu

Sentence reduced Michael Lynch, ager Park Road, Newhaver burgh, had a six-mo sentence, imposed ove test march assault, rec three months at M Crown Court yesterday

1,800 benefit frau In Scotland last yes security frauds, of wit were juiled, 1,333 fin admonished and 65 pl

Chimney ban call Glossop Civic Societ ask the Secretary of S the Environment to building of a 400it steney at a metal works Peak District National 1

Wiltshire rates up Wiltshire Couny recommended rate for ing year has been fixed a rise of 10p. The co to receive 58.25m 1 government grants.

Ban on crash girl Phillipa Houldsworth 19, who was disabled in banned from driving for at Oxford Crown Court

day for driving dangerou

Merseyside police Merseyside police forc 110, bringing it to 4.45 to engage management (ants to increase efficien

Counsel says note showe no plot by Mr Slater

Slater, Walker executives to a solicitor showed there was no secret conspiracy in the formation of a private investment company by Mr James Slater and some of his executives, it was stated at Horseferry Road Magistrates' Court, Westmin-ster, yesterday.

Mr Kenneth Barraclough, the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, is hearing an application by the Singapore Government for the extradition of Mr Slater and Mr Richard Tarling, a former Slater, Walker executive, on charges in connexion with the private company, Spydar Securities Ltd. Mr Slater faces six charges and Mr Tarling 17, which involve two other com-

"The executive council have decided to communicate with brother Knight, asking him to show just cause why they should not deal with him for panies as well as Spydar. Counsel for the Singapore Government has alleged that Spydar was used to siphon cash and shares from Haw Par Brothers International Ltd for Mr Knight, aged 56, was dismissed from Leyland's body plant at Castle Bromwich, Birmingham. He denied the the benefit of Mr Slater and other executives. It was alleged the company was kept secret from some directors and share-

Mr John Mathew, for the defence of Mr Slater, refered to a file note from March, 1972, which he said was a note

for action to be taken to set up Spydar. The note was freely given by Mr Slater to company inspectors in 1975 when investi-gations into Spydar and Haw left Singapore on his

Counsel read part of a ment made by Mr Slater, said that at the time 5 was created he was wort and he would have pr more by buying a large of a company publicly tha ing Spydar with a small He joined Spydar becau was asked to do so and courage other executives.

Mr Mathew said the held by Spydar would risen in value anyway be of the boom market in pore. If disclosure of the pany had been made it only have helped I hecause of Mr Slater's fin

reputation. Mr Mathew said: "The no way in which the cha of this vast group of comp should have gone out Eas have risked his liberty reputation for an investme

Examining question of secrecy, Mr Ma said that after Mr Slates Singapore two executives to a legal adviser to discus implementation of Spydar incentive scheme. He ad "It is a strange form secrecy when two of partners in the scheme telling their solicitor abou The hearing continues to

Students' union building 'open market for drugs'

From Our Correspondent

A student's union building A student's union building was nothing more than an open market for the sale and taking of drugs. Mr John Coffey, the Greater Manchester magistrate, said vesterday. He had before him 15 people on drug charges. They were arrested at Manchester University Students' Union.

Union.
Imposing fines totalling £370 on 13 of them, Mr Coffey said:
"I take the view that the union has brought a lor of this trouble on you. There is an appalling lack of control at these premises and anyone who wishes can go in and numbers these premises and anyone who wishes can go in and purchase cannabis knowing it is readily available there and being sold quite openly."

Mr Coffey was told that only two of the defendants were students. Several of the others had told him they had just walked into the union because

walked into the union because there was no supervision on the door.

Mr Kenneth Smith, for the prosecution, said drug squad detectives raided the union in Oxford Road. Manchester, last November and arrested the 15 in possession of varying amounts of cannabis resin. One of them was Joseph Gallagher, aged 23, of Wilms-

ing cannabis. He was remained by the same on bail until February 8.

Gallagher said he had beling quarter-ounce block cannabis in the union bull at £7.50 a time. "I sold it cause I want money for a n gage", he said.

low Road, Didsbury, who mitted possessing and su

Two university stude Nigel Leight, aged 21, of R ford Avenue, Levenshulme. Pauline White, aged 20, of ford Road, both Manches were each fined £10 for have the company of the sentel.

Special Road. Loagsight: John College Longston, and 22. of the property of the

Mr Coffey, on an applicat by the prosecution, order that all the drugs seized in

Wide agenda for Mason talks in Dublin bonds urged

From Christopher Walker

Mr Mason, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, is to visit Jublin next week for a series of talks with members of the Irish coalition Government including Dr FitzGerald, Minister for Foreign Affairs, and Mr Cooney, Minister for Justice.

The visit, the first to the republic by an Ulster Secretary of State since the assassination ast July of the British Ambas-sador to Dublin, Mr Christopher Ewart-Biggs, has taken on added significance because of the deli-cate state of Anglo-Irish diplomatic relations.

It will be followed in quick succession by two issues of serious disagreement between he governments: the opening of the hearing by the European Court of Human Rights on Irish illegations of the torture of republican internees, and the trial in Dublin of eight members of Britain's Special Air Service Regiment on arms

By Christopher Warman

Cuts in road and transport

spending ordered by the Govern-

ment are causing serious con-cern among local authorities.

of the transport supplementary

grant to be distributed to nonmerropolitan councies compared

with the metropolitan areas.

Local Government

Correspondent

cuts worry councils

Speaking for the whole country on this year's figure.

violence by the Provisional IRA the date of the visit has not been disclosed. It will be the second meeting between Dr FitzGerald and Mr Mason, the first having taken place in Lon-

don last September. High on the agenda will be the continuing political vacuum in Northern Ireland and cross-

border security cooperation. I understand that the Irish ministers will explain their reasons for refusing to sign the European convention on the suppression of terrorism, which was urged last week in the House of Commons by Mr Mason and would remove certain political barriers to extradition

In spite of the many difficul-ties, general relations between Britain and Ireland remain cordial, largely because of the mutually declared intention of clamping down on the Promisional IRA. The Irish Cabinet pers of Britam's Special Air was particularly gratified by Mr ervice Regiment on arms Mason's recent firm pledge harges.

Because of fear of possible troops from Ulster.

Road, transport spending

try, Mr James Irelend, chairman of the association's planning and transport committee, said the share of the transport supplementary grant for non-metropolitan counties had been reduced from 38.8 per The Association of County Councils complained yesterday of the reduction in the share

> increased from 51.2 per cent to The Government's six-month moratorium on capital projects meant that councils would be unlikely to be able to prevent

More particularly Hertford-shire County Council expressed the fear that reductions in road "substantial" redundancies. maintenance spending were building up difficulties for the The cuts also affect the GLC's programmes. The council future.

Mr Michael Hardy, county said yesterday that its transsurveyor, said the council's port committee had been told that more roads would have to road-mending budger was being that more roads would have to cut for the fourth successive be patched. The £13m allocated year, and maintenance was for road maintenance and lagging millions of pounds operation in 1977-78 means a behind the intended programme. cut of 12 per cent in real terms

A halt to further British in-Government to compel British companies and subsidiaries holding South African defence bonds to relinquish them.

The appeal is timed to coincide with trade union pres-sure against South Africa, which was welcomed by Mr Abdul Minty, the movement's secretary. He saw the legal obstacle encountered by the Union of Post Office Workers in its planned boycott of the regime as a teething trouble. "If the law is still in dispute

The movement plans to picket more than 100 branches of Bar-

Cape Town and Durban.

Mr John Gaetsewe, secretarygeneral of the South African
Congress of Trade Unions, said
action by British unions would
help the morals of black South
African workers

the same spot.

African workers.

Blizzard traps family all night in car

and most support among one-

parent families and their organizations has been rejected be-

cause it would be expensive and

risk public hostility. That pro-posal is to extend the present

widowed mothers' allowance to

By increasing child benefits

A family of three were re-covering yesterday after a bliz-zard had trapped them in a car on Dartmoor overnight. The Edgerton family from Woolston, near Southampton, were stranded for more than four hours at the Dartmeet beauty spot in the heart of the moor. Two police Range-Rovers battled through the blizzard to rescue the family and another motorist trapped in his car near

ment in road conditions in many parts of England yesterday. All main roads in Devon and Corn-wall were clear but snow and icy patches persisted in parts of the North and Midlands. Two northbound lanes of the gency funds

Scotland are running out of funds for snow clearance and

frightening. The worst monents were when daddy was away trying to get help. We were really worried about him." Rain brought a big in the driver. Many local authorical autho case to hearing Mr Robert Knight, a former British Leyland convener who was alleged to have accepted bribes of up to £50 to get people jobs, is being summoned

the treatment of icebound roads, according to Mr Ian Brown, secretary of Transport Action Scotland, the road users' organ ization. He said the Govern-ment should set aside emer-

Expanded BBC2 would cost £2m to £5m a year

By Kenneth Gosling
An expanded BBC 2 trans-An expanded BBC 2 trans-like the Annan committee to mitting until after midnight recommend a fourth channel to was among hopes for the future described by Mr Aubrey Singer, controller of the channel,

He looked forward to morning and afternoon drama repeats for shift workers and to early evening programmes for in the morning and two in the children.

would take time, but BBC 2 needed more scope.

Speaking to the Broadcasting

Public houses

lottery tickets

Parliament yesterday, constitute

a rejection of recommendations in a Home Office consultative

document last May. The draft regulations were prepared in the light of comments later received by the Home Office. Most of the other recom-mendations in the consultarive

mendations in the consultrative document have been adopted by the Government Under the draft regulations the sale of lottery tickets would still be prohibited in licensed betting offices, amusement arcades, licensed bingo or gaming clubs, from vending machines and in the effect expert where the

the street, except where the selfer is in a klosk.

If Parliament approves the regulations the way will be open in bring the Lotteries Act, 1975, fully into operation.

may sell

Press Guild, he said he would accommodate the Open Univer-sity which now takes 35 hours

Mr Singer said it would cost up to £2m a year to give the country's six million shift workers two hours of television

Much, he said, would depend on the Annan report on the future of broadcasting and on the Government, and the plans would be £5m a year. That was immediately a continuous and the said, would be £5m a year. That was immediately and the said, would be £5m a year. That was immediately a said and the said an impracticable at present but it might be possible within two to

By Diana Geddes
Lottery tickets promoted by
local authorities, charities and
certain other societies should
be allowed to go on sale in
shops and public houses, the
Home Office says. Advertising
for such lotteries should be
permitted on radio and television. Social Services Correspondent vision.

Those proposals, contained in draft regulations under the Lotteries Act, 1975, laid before

That is the most important of a series of changes announced by Mr Orme in response to the report on the tribunals by Professor Kathleen Bell, Professor of Social Studies at New-castle University, published more than 15 months ago. Professor Bell said then that tribunals were not clearly impartial, and appellants and tri-bunal members were confused about their powers.

The new changes implement

the new changes imprement some of the more urgent of Professor Bell's recommendations and will not require legislation. Mr Orme said yesterday that he hoped they would increase public confidence in the tribunals. The main changes are a move towards appointing more legally qualified chairman as vacancies occur, and a sytem of training for them, to be introduced as soon as possible. Other im-

Union calls man

before the leaders of his union,

Mr John Boyd, general secre-

tary, said yesterday after a meeting of the executive:

conduct detrimental to the best

interests of the union and its members." No date has yet

comes after 2 report by two members, Mr Terence Duffy, and Mr Reginald Birch.

If Mr Knight chooses to

appear before the executive he

will again be questioned and invited to debate the circum-

The executive can exonerate.

fine, suspend or expel him. He

has the right of appeal to the union's final appeal body.

executive's decision

been fixed.

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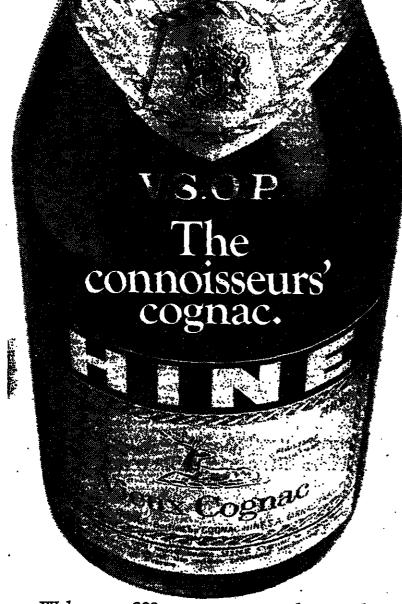
stances.

the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers.

in 'job bribes'

There are to be better tri-bunal premises, clearer and more complete documentation of appeals, and improved forms and explanatory leaflets. The roles of tribuna clerks and officers representing the Supplementary Benefits Commission at hearings, which Professor Bell's report criticized, are

general welcome yesterday from the Child Poverty Action Group, which has criticized the tribunals for not being clearly impartial. Mr Henry Hodge, legal officer to the group's Citizens' Rights Office, hoped the new right of appeal would not tribe out a second-tier. not rule out a second-tier appeal tribunal.



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Changes in benefit-appeal tribunals announced

By Pat Healy

A direct right of appeal from supplementary-benefit appeal tribunals to the High Court is to be granted in the next few months, Mr Orme, Minister for Social Security, announced in the Commons yesterday. The right will be allowed on points of law and will not preclude introduction of a second-tier tribunal system later.

provements will be aimed at emphasizing the tribunals' independence, making them as accessible as possible, and simplifying procedures.

The changes received in general welcome yesterday

The group feels that tribunal clerks should not be employees of the department.

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ttorney General tells judges that he is answerable to Parliament alone

Lord Denning, Master of ils, Lord Justice Lawton rd Justice Ormrod a vital constitutional issue to act as plaintiff in rela-ceedings for an injunction,

ceedings for an injunction, reise of that discretion is bject to review by the The discretion of the y General in this field is y General in this field is wrong he is bible to Parliament and to ent alone.

Antorney General so stated he came to the Court of following the expression on Saturday, January 15 times, January 17) that he assist the court on an by Mr John Prendergast of Warwick Street, noter, when it granted him or warwick Street, ester, when it granted him rim injunction until 10.30 that limits of Post Office with the ure any person wilfully

A similar injunction was against the Post Office ring Union on an ex parterior on Saturday and leave inted to join the Attorney as a defendant to the ings.
the court sat, Mr George
for the plaintiff, Mr
said that the statement had been amended to ask declaration that the y General in refusing his

y General, who appeared r Harry Woolf on his own said that even if the court t expressed the hope that ht be able to assist today, portance of the constituissues involved was such
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ur's preliminary views exton Saturday he would have
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intervene of his own

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to the press were two:

mment ", and he had little
that the Solictor General's

Master of the Rolls: I am ad you have said that be-10 one who ever sits here ration. As Lord Mansfield any years ago, the courts not be influenced by any 1 considerations, however able they may be.
Attorney agreed. He hoped a the court that they were in granting the interim in and would be wrong to.

rter v Independent Broad-

Attorney said that the same and been expressed in the for decades if not centuries. ad been expressed in the for decades if not centuries. In on Friday, January 14, his nem had been approached before 1 pm, in his 5, for his consent to act as 6 in relator proceedings for motion an immediate decisar requested. In all but ases he, as Attorney, reit as his duty not to act sibber stamp, but to satisfy that the case was a proper r his consent; and in so he had regard to the way; h such matters had tradibeen dealt with. The his dagreed somewhat rely to wait until 3.30 pm. and then; with his departassistance, given the applicareful consideration, tako account all the matters could properly be taken count. He wished to say ically that he had reached clusion not to give his control of taking into account ig which in accordance with and the say her proper to taken. g which in accordance with

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> count. it the normal, though not urily invariable practice, of no specific reasons—a pracuily established by long shed law on the exercise of action—that its exercise was abject to review by the

> Master of the Rolls: That fundamental point—that it subject to review by the

Attorney agreed. In those stances he had been surto read in the press and their Lordships' judgments pression of opinion by a er of the court, the effect ich appeared to be that his

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ker joi divel damages : Stratford and Newham Ess, east London, agreed 2 High Court yesterday to ubstantial damages to Det ctor James Jarvis over an e connecting him with Humphreys, described as Jarvis, of Highcliffe ms, Redbridge, is stationed aistow and has been sus-

attend. ed on full pay since Seper 10, 1975.

licewoman le £1 note m colleague

rid Rose Campbell, aged m, who took a £1 note a colleague's purse was ibed by Judge Griffiths at ingham Crown Court yes-y as "a rotten member" ie force. It was a good she had been discovered rly in her career, he said. Es Campbell, of Hilton Wednesfield, Wolveroton, was given a condi-I discharge for two years ordered to pay £100 costs. | another store.

v Union of Post Office s

Lord Denning, Master of is, Lord Justice Lawton of Justice Ormrod vital constitutional issue

did not, that the term "political" had more than one meaning.

Indeed, the present Lord Chancellor, when Attorney General in 1969 had written in the Cambridge Law Journal, page 48, that "In the field of responsibility for litigation, party political considerations do not affect the Attorney General's judgment. But it is of the nature of his office that he must have constant regard to what st have constant regard to what is politic in the broad sense of what is in the public interest.".
He adopted that distinction.

The Master of the Rolls: 1 remember Sir Hartley Shawcross saying much the same thing.

The Attorney said that statement echoed the approach of a long line of Law Officers, both before and after 1969. He had

Having read the judgments de-livered on Saturday there appeared to be one vital constitutional issue on which he must address the on which he must address the court. Time and again, the courts, numerous distinguished textbook writers, and Law Officers past and current, had stated that in this field the Attorney's discretion was absolute and as a matter of law his decision was not to be reviewed or questioned by the court. If he was wrong he was coursely law.

The Master of the Rolls: That used to be said by other ministers of the Crown at one time. If it is not subject to review by the courts can the individual come by himself without your consent? The Attorney said that he would

was his primary concern. Lord Justice Lawton : In the McWhirter case it was not suggested that the court could challenge the Attorney's discretion when he acts on his own account; but the issue was what was to be done when the Attorney refused his consent and the circumstances indicated that he could not have approached the problem in the

The Attorney replied that in the McWhirter case all the members of the court and all the counsel concerned, including his predecessor, Sir Peter Rawhinson, QC, had explicitly accepted the principle that the Attorney had an absolute discretion and was answerable to Parliament alone. Though the Master of the Rolls (at page 648) had said that if the Attorney General refused leave for no good reason or on entirely wrong General refused leave for no good reason or on entirely wrong grounds an aggrieved citizen might come to the courts for a declaration that that was not the issue in the case. But Lord Denning had also made the major constitutional declaration that in exercising his functions in relator proceedings the Attorney General was not subject to the control of the subject to the control of the courts. If it was to be challenged it must be challenged in the highest court of the land.

The Master of the Rolls: Is it permissible for the court to know, or ask the Attorney what his

The function of the Attorney in issue in the present proceedings was one of the many functions of was one of the many functions of a discretionary character exercised by him, nor in a ministerial capa-city divorced from the collective responsibility of ministers; but in a special sphere which involved ecial . might indeed be lonely

decision of a minister such as that in the *Tomeside* case may be very different from that of the Attorney General in his special sphere?

his functions were statutory, such as the grant or withholding of his fiat for certain types of prosecution. Others were of ancient origin tion. Others were of ancient origin such as his power to go to the court ex officio, his relator function, in issue directly in the present case, and his power to bring before the court matters which he asked the court to say were contempts of court. There was a common thread running through the whole, area: the Attorney's answerability to Parliament and not to the courts.

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It followed that the court could not question the Attorney's reasons for acting or for refusing to act. The court could not question his reasons, either directly or indirectly; nor would it be consistent with the principle that, it was to Parliament alone that he must explain himself that the court should draw deductions on what his reasons were or might be.

He had to say with the utmost

He had to say with the utmost respect but also with the utmost firmness that the courts must not assume any part of the mantle of Parliament so that the courts might be saying one thing and Parliament another.

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Parliament another.

The court had been right to say in the judgments on Saturday that the issue raised was one of major constitutional importance. One could hardly recall an issue of greater constitutional importance than the present.

The second major issue was concerned more specifically with the question of the power of the individual to bring proceedings to restrain the commission, of some

Ex-councillor

John McInespie, a former Glasgow councillor, was sen-tenced at Glasgow Sheriff tenced at Glasgow Sheriff Court yesterday to six months' imprisonment for presenting a forged letter, but was found not guilty of four charges of fraudulently claiming a total of £2,700 expenses and loss of earnings between 1972 and 1975 for meetings that the procesurion alleged he did not prosecution alleged he did not

In his summing-up, Sheriff Francis Middleton criticized the procedure of Glasgow City Chambers for handling expenses claims. Later he said that Mr McInespie had been guilty of gross deceit.

Jail sentence on shoplifter

Mr Kenneth Harrington, at Horseferry Road Magistrates' Court, Westminster, yesterday said he was determined to my to stop shoplifting.

He gave Miss Celita Rossi, aged 27, an Italian student, a three-month prison sentence suspended for two years, and fined her £350 with £25 costs for thefts from Harrods and

to bring proceedings himself, On that two questions arose: to what extent was the Attorney General's name required as plain-tiff; and whether there were circumstances in which, his name being unavailable as plaintiff, he could be joined as defendant and

by such joinder the want of his name as plaintiff could be cured? subject to the recent statutory exception which gave a new power to local authorities under the the Attorney General alone could move the court to restrain the commission of a crime as such— whether he did so ex officio or by lending his name as plaintiff by way of relator action.

There were other cases, of which the present might well be one, where it was open to a person or body having a special interest to take proceedings without the Attorney General's help. For example, and not as a matter of fact, the Post Office itself, as employer could proceed in tors. employer, could proceed in tort for an injunction against persons seeking to induce a breach of contract and could seek a declar-

the subject of the action proposed

go for injunctions, too? The Attorney: No. The plainthe Attorney: No. The plain-tiff in the present case disclaimed any such special interest and sought my consent for an injunc-tion only.

If, the Attorney continued, a

person with no special interest could obtain a declaration without the Attorney General's con-sent, there was no need to join him as a defendant or seek his

Lord Justice Lawton: What troubles me is that if the court can make a declaration without Saturday that what the union proposed was contrary to the criminal law of the land. What is the court to do if no notice is taken of the declaration? The Attorney said that to ignore declaration would be a serious

There were countless statements by former Attorneys and others, which recognized the principle that the exercise of the Attorney Gen-eral's discretion could not be only way the exercise of the dis-cretion can be questioned is in. Parliament and that would turn on

a matter for Parliament. The task placed on him was a difficult, onerous and embarrassing task, of which he would be glad to be relieved, not merely because the Attorney was almost certain to be said to be wrong, whatever he did, but also because of the immense amount of time it to say whether it was a proper case for relator proceedings, the Attorney took into account divers

sent provided he had a sufficiently which the court could act. There were many matters which the Lord Justice Ofmrod: Does that So for injunctions, too?

The Attorney: No. The plain-

Lord Justice Lawton: So even
if the Attorney General has exercised his discretion corruptly the
ordinary courts cannot challenge

think one need go so far as cor-ruption. You could say "in the absence of good faith". absence of good faith ".

The Attorney: Yes; for in the area of good and bad faith the courts will be advancing into the area which is Parliament's alone. The court will understand the danger of the situation in which a court, which is not a legislative authority, seeks to change the law. If the law is to be changed it must be changed by Parliament and by Parliament alone.

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Many of the observations relat-ing to the main constitutional issue were to be found in Profes-sor Edwards's book on The Law Officers of the Crown where the manner in which former Attorney Generals had exercised their dissor's time of Leila Khaled where the Attorney had to determine a
matter of public policy.

Abandoning a criminal charge
had always been a matter of wide
public concern and led to contro-Campbell decision in the 1920s; and there had been many observations by Sir Harriey Shawcross, when he was Attorney General, on the application of the criminal law relating to trade disputes and strike action. He had said that strike action. He had said that though he was being blamed in some quarters for not taking precipitate actions and in others for not having moved earlier, the question of timing was something he was entitled to consider, for precipitate action might lead to the opposite result from that which

The Master of the Rolls: What

possible consequences of a prose-cution and then make their own decision. The question for us is whether that applies to relator proceedings when a private

There must be, as for instance cases under the Official Secrets Act, a distinct element of what was the balance of public interest, and even in a case in which it was ann even in a case in which it was absolutely clear that an offence was being committed the question of the wider public interest must form part of the Actorney's decis-ion. He was not simply a lawyer applying a lawyer's knowledge. He was a politician. He had access to information and material which applied him to exercise his furcenabled him to exercise his func-tions. He might in doing so act in a way in which colleagues would not wish him to act. A very heavy responsibility was left with the

The court had asked about the distinction between a declaration and an injunction. A declaration said what the law was, but an injunction was the first step taken in civil procedure in relation to enforcing the law.

The Attorney said that the situation was that the Attorney General might have knowledge derived from many sources which enabled him to make his mind up whether to prosecute or to defer knowledge and by giving his con-sent allow a private citizen to go to the court and obtain an injunc-

The courts had held on many occasions that the very fact that the Autorney had given his con-sent was an important factor to be taken into account in the exercise

say " I do not think it politic to enforce the law" is the alternative to go on breaking the law? Does

The Attorney said that it was for him to decide what was the balance of the public interest, and that balance was no different

and trat beamice was no untracent if he was applying his mind to the circumstances of a possible criminal prosecution. By saying "no" to an injunction the The Master of the Rolls: By tak-

The Attorney replied that there might be acts within the know-ledge of the Attorney when assessing the public interest as best he could, he had to consider the balance extremely carefully. Cases in which the injunction procedure was used in aid of the criminal law were very few. That was one of the factors to which the Attorney could properly have regard. Lord Justice Lawton : It is very rare for a prominent mion offi-cial to go on television on a Thursday night and say "I am going to tell my members to break the law".

The Attorney: No doubt that is a factor, like all the other factors, which go to make up the difficult balance of the public interest which an Attorney General has to decide for himself.

The Master of the Rolls: Sup-pose you felt that the trade union would not obey the court's order, would that be a ground for refus-ing your consent to a relator action?

The Attorney replied that, as Lord Shawcross had said in describing his functions as Attorney General, the Attorney was entitled, in considering whether or not a prosecution should be launched, to make use of the information available to was a very important matter he should also consider whether taking criminal proceedings to uphold the law against certain reconstruction.

The Master of the Rolls: That means that no steps could be taken against people who were breaking the law if they were too

The Attorney: Not at all. That criminal law in order to prevent a breach of the law by industrial action which is criminal action. It action which is criminal action. It is precisely because this general broad principle was recognized by all parties that when in 1971 the Industrial Relations Act was piloted through Parliament the then Solicitor General justified one of the sections which abolished the offence of public utility officers acting in breach of their contracts by saying that in that sphere the criminal law was not apt to deal with it.

apt to deal with it.

If the Attorney was aware that a If the Attorney was aware that a union having issued an instruction it was, on the best information available, highly unlikely that that instruction would be obeyed, and that the thing most calculated to cause it to be obeyed would be precipitate action against the union, was it to be said that such action was to be taken?

The Master of the Rolls: You are saying that it might exacer-

The Attorney replied that where the functions of the Law Officers had been explained for decades, and all the authorities were unanimous that the courts could not intervene, could the whole situa-tion suddenly be changed in 1976? The decisions which the mous leap to change that situation. Lord Justice Ormrod: But all the court is asked to do in this case is to say "You have been told what the law is. Don't break it ".

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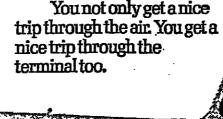
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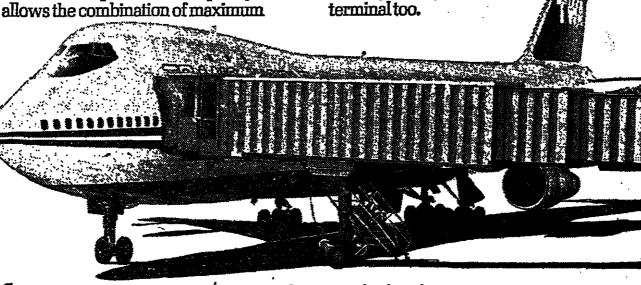
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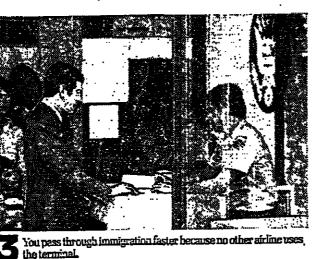
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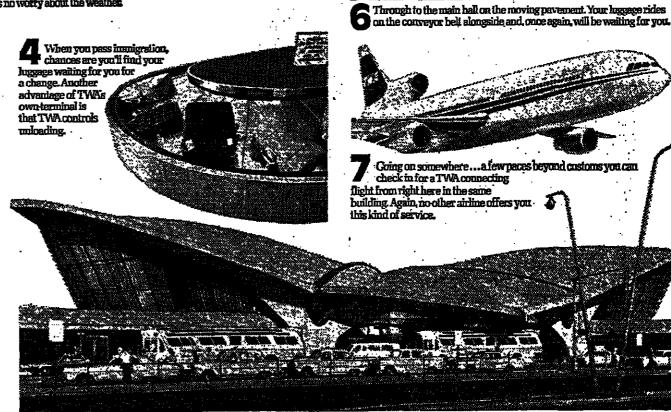


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bishop of Rome it is regarded by the Roman Catholic Church as less

than fully a church, a difficulty would remain: for some this difficulty would be removed by

simply restoring communion, but

difficulties are created by the recent Marian dogmas, because Anglicans doubt the appropriateness, or even the possibility, of defining them as essential to the faith of believers.

(d) The claim that the poperocesses universal immediate

possesses universal immediate jurisdiction, the limits of which are not clearly specified, is a

are not clearly specified, is a source of anxiety to Anglicans, who fear that the way is thus open to its illegitimate or uncontrolled use. Nevertheless, the First Varican Council intended that the papal primacy should be exercised only to maintain and never to erode the structures of the local churches. The Roman Catholic Church is today seeking to replace the juridical outlook of the mineteenth century by a hore pastoral understanding of authority in the Church.

Church. 25. In spite of the difficulties just

Statement on Authority in the Church represents a significant convergence with far-reaching consequences. For a considerable period theologians in our two traditions, without compromising

A statement issued today the Anglican and Roman atholic theological commission stated that agreement had been eached on the doctrine of authority in the Church, apart com qualifications on papal

The agreed statement said at while consensus did not holly resolve all the problems f papel primacy it provided a olid basis for confronting

The following is the text of

Introduction

1. The confession of Christ as
Lord is the heart of the Christian
faith. To him God has given all
authority in heaven and on earth.
As Lord of the Church he bestows the Holy Spirit to create
a Communion of men with God
and with one another. To bring his koinonia to perfection is God's eternal purpose. The Church exists to serve the fulfilment of this purpose when God will be all in all.

CHRISTIAN AUTHORITY Through the gift of the Spirit the apostolic community came to recognize in the words and deeds recognize in the words and deeds of Jesus the saving activity of God and their mission to proclaim to all men the good news of salvation. Therefore they preached Jesus through whom God has spoken finally to men. Assisted by the Holy Spirir they transmitted what they had heard and seen of life and words of Jesus and their interpretation of his redemptive work. Consequently the inspired documents in which this is related came to be accepted by the lated came to be accepted by the Church as a normative record of the authentic foundation of the faith. To these the Church has recourse for the inspiration of its life and mission; to these the Church refers its teaching and practice. Through these written words the authority of the Word of God is conveyed. Entrusted with these documents, the Christian community is enabled by the Holy Spirit to live out the gospel and so to be led into all truth. It is therefore given the capacity to assess its faith and capacity to assess its faith and life and to speak to the world in the name of Christ. Shared commitment and belief create a common mind in determining how the gospel should be interpreted and obeyed. By reference to this common faith each person tests the truth of his own belief.

3. The Spirit of the risen Lord, who indwells the Christian community, continues to maintain the people of God in obedience to the Father's will. He safeguards their faithful to the test of the safeguards.

their faithfulness to the revela-tion of Jesus Christ and equips them for their mission in the world. By this action of the Holy Spirit the authority of the Lord is active in the Church. Through incorporation into Christ and obedience to him Christians are made open to one another and assume mutual obligations. Since assume mutual obligations. Since the Lordship of Christ is universal, the community also bears a responsibility towards all mankind, which demands participation in all that promotes the good of society and responsiveness to every form of human need. The common life in the body of Christ equips the community and each of its members with what they need to fulfil bers with what they need to fulfil this responsibility: they are enabled so to live that the authority of Christ will be mediated through them. This is Christian authority authority: when so act and speak, men perceive the authoritative word of Christ.

the koinamia the means to be faithful to the revelation of their Lord. Some respond more fully to his call; by the inner quality to the call; by the inner quality of their life they win a respect which allows them to speak in Christ's name with authority.

5. The Holy Spirit also gives to some individuals and communities special gifts for the benefit of the Church, which entitle them to speak and be heeded (eg Eph 4.11, 12; 1 Cor 12.4-11).

Among these gifts of the spirit for the edification of the Church in the episcope of the ordained ministry. There are some whom the Holy Spirit commissions through ordination for service to the whole community. They exercise their authority in fulfilling ministerial functions related to the church sate whole ministerial functions related to the church of God is found in each of them and in their koinonia.

11. The purpose of koinonia is the realization of the will of Christ: "Father, keep them in thy name, which thou hast given me, that they may be one, even as we are one... so that the world may cise their authority in fulfilling ministerial functions related to "the apostles" reaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers (Acts 2.42). This pastoral authority belongs primarily to the bishop, who is responsible for preserving and promoting the integrity of the koinonia in order to further the Church's response to the Lordship of Christ and its commitment to mission. Since the bishop has general oversight of the community, he can require the comgeneral oversight of the commi-nity, he can require the com-pliance necessary to maintain faith and charity in its daily life. He does not, however, act alone. All those who have ministerial authority must recognize their mutual responsibility and inter-dependence. This service of the Church, officially entrusted only to ordained ministers, is intrinsic to the Church's structure accord-



The Anglican Bishop of Ossory, Ferns and Leighlin, the Right Rev H. R. McAdoo (left), and the Roman Catholic Bishop of East Anglia, Mgr Alan C. Clark, co-chairmen.

expression is sometimes used in other ways. Each local church is rooted in the witness of the apostolic mission. Faithful to the gospel, celebrating the one encharist and dedicated to the service of the same Lord, it is the Church of Christ. In spite of diversities each local church recognizes its own essential features in the others and its true identity with them. The authoritative action and proclamation of the people of God to the world therefore are not simply the responsibilities of each church act.

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therefore are not simply the re-sponsibilities of each church act-ing separately, but of all the local churches together. The spiritual gifts of one may be an inspiration to the others. Since each bishop must ensure that the local com-munity is distinctively Christian he has to make it aware of the universal communion of which it is part. The bishop expresses this unity of his church with the others: this is symbolized by the participation of several bishops in his critication.

9. Ever since the Council of Jerusalem (Acts 15) the churches have realized the need to express and strengthen the koinonia by coming together to discuss matters of mutual concern and to meet contemporary challenges. Such gatherings may be either regional or worldwide. Through such meetof faith and orders its life. In all these councils, whether of bishops only, or of bishops, clergy, and laity, decisions are authoritative when they express the common faith and mind of the Church. The decisions of what has tradi-tionally been called an "ecu-menical council" are binding menical council" are binding upon the whole Church; those of a regional council or synod bind only the churches it represents. Such decrees are to be received by the local churches as expressing the mind of the Church. This exercise of authority, far from being an imposition, is designed to strengthen the life and mission of the local churches and of their members.

II AUTHORITY IN THE CHURCH
4. The Church is a community which consciously seeks to submit the other bishops of their regions was assigned to bishops of promining the spirit all find within the keinomia the means to be churches faithful to the will of order that the hearers in their charches faithful to the will of order that the hearers in their charches faithful to the will of order that the hearers in their charches faithful to the will of order that the hearers in their charches faithful to the will of order that the hearers in their charches faithful to the will of order that the hearers in their charches faithful to the will of order that the hearers in their charches faithful to the will of order that the hearers in their charches faithful to the will of order that the hearers in their charches faithful to the will of order that the hearers in their charches faithful to the will of order that the hearers in their charches faithful to the will of order that the hearers in their charches faithful to the will of order that the hearers in their charches faithful to the will of order that the hearers in the charches faithful to the will of order that the hearers in the charches faithful to the will of order that the hearers in the charches faithful to the will of order that the hearers in the charches faithful to the will of order that the hearers in the charches faithful to the will of the ch 11. The purpose of koinonia is the realization of the will of Christ: "Father, keep them in thy name, which thon hast given me, that they may be one, even as we are one . . . so that the world may believe that thou hast sent me is (John 17.11, 21, rsv). The bishop of a principal see should seek the fulfilment of this will of Christ in the churches of his region. It is his duty to assist the bishops to promote in their churches right tracking, holiness of life, brotherly unity, and the Church's mission to the world. When he perceives a serious deficiency in the life or mission of one of the churches he is bound, if necessary, to call the local bishop's attention to it and to offer assistance. There will also be occasions when he has to assist other hishops to reach a common mind with regard to their shared needs and difficulties. Sharing together and active mutual concern are indispensable to the churches' effective witness to Christ.

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Son of God, crucified, risen, ascended, and now living through his Spirit in the Church. Every local church must therefore ever distort the gospel the Church must have effective means for resolving seek a deeper understanding and threatened when churches are

isolated by division.

14. The Church's purpose in its proclamation is to lead mankind to accept God's saving work in Christ, an acceptance which not only requires intellectual assent but also demands the response of the whole person. In order to clarify and transmit what it believed and to build up and safe-guard the Christian life, the Church has found the formulation of creeds, conciliar definitions, and other satements of belief in-dispensable. But these are always instrumental to the truth which instrumental to the truth which they are intended to convey.

15. The Church's life and work are shaped by its historical origins, by its subsequent experience, and by its endeavour to make the relevance of the gospel plain to every generation. Through reflection upon the word, through the proclamation of the gospel, through baptism, through worship, especially the eucharist, the people of God are moved to the living remembrance of Jesus

living remembrance of Jesus Christ and of the experience and witness of the apostolic com-munity. This remembrance supports and guides them in their search for language which will effectively communicate the meaning of the gospel.

All generations and cultures must be helped to understand that the good news of cultures is also the good news of cultures in the good new of cultures in the good news of cultures i situation may understand and respond to them. All such restatement must be consonant with the apostolic witness recorded in the Scriptures; for in this witness the

preaching and teaching of minis-ters, and statements of local and universal councils, have to find their ground and consistency. Although these clarifications are conditioned by the circumstances which prompted them, some of their perceptions may be of lasting value. In this process the Church itself may come to see more clearly the implications of the gospel. This is why the Church has endorsed certain formulas as authentic expressions of its witness, whose significance transcends the setting in which they were first formulated. This is not to claim that these formulas are the claim that these formulas are the only possible, or even the most exact, way of expressing the faith, or that they can never be improved. Even when a doctrinal definition is regarded by the Christian community as part of its permanent teaching, this does not exclude subsequent restatement. Although the categories of thought and the mode of expression may be superseded, restatement always builds upon, and does not contradict, the truth intended by the original definition. 16. Local councils held from the second century determined the limits of the New Testament, and gave to the Church a canon which has remained normative. The action of a council in making such a decision on so momentous a matter implicate an experience of the council in making such a matter implicate an experience.

In both our traditions the appeal to Scripture, to the creeds, to the Fathers, and to the definitions of the councils of the early Church is regarded as basic and norma-tive.*

But the bishops have a special But the bishops have a special responsibility for promoting truth and discerning error, and the interaction of bishop and people in its exercise is a safeguard of Christian life and fidelity. The teaching of the faith and the ordering of life in the Christian community require a daily exercise of this responsibility; but there is no guarantee that those who is no guarantee that those who have an everyday responsibility will—any more than other members—invariably be free from errors of judgment, will never tolerate abuses, and will never distort the truth. Yet, in Christian hope, we are confident that such failures cannot destroy the Church's ability to proclaim the gospel and to show forth the Christian life; for we believe that Christ will not desert his Church and that the Holy Spirit will lead it into all truth. That is why the Church, in spite of its failures, can be described as indefectible. is no guarantee that those

their respective allegiances, have worked on common problems with the same methods. In the process they have come to see old problems in new horizons and have experienced a theological convergence which has often taken them by surprise. V CONCILIAR AND PRIMATIAL 19. In times of crisis or when fundamental matters of faith are in question, the Church can make judgments, consonant with Scripture, which are authoritative. When the Church meets in ecumenical council its decisions or vergence winch has over taken them by surprise.

In our three Agreed Statements we have endeavoured to get behind the opposed and entrenched positions of past controversies. We have tried to reassess what are the menical council its decisions on mencal council is decisions on fundamental matters of faith exclude what is erroneous. Through the Holy Spirit the Church commits itself to these judgments, recognizing that, being faithful to Scripture and consisthave trien to reassess what are the real issues to be resolved. We have often deliberately avoided the vocabulary of past polemics, not with any intention of evading judgments, recognizing mat, orangfaithful to Scripture and consistem with Tradition, they are by
the same Spirit protected from
error. They do not add to the
truth but, although not exhaustive,
they clarify the Church's understanding of it. In discharging this
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special gift of Christ to his
Church. Whatever further clarification or interpretation may be
propounded by the Church, the
truth expressed will always be confessed. This binding anthority
does not belong to every conciliar
decree, but only to those which
formulate the central truths of
salvation. This authority is
ascribed in both our traditions to
decisions of the ecumenical countils of the first centuries.† the real difficulties that provoked them but because the emorive associations of such language have often obscured the trath. For the future relations between our churches the doctrinal convergence which we have experienced offers hope that remaining difficulties can be resolved. CONCLUSION

26. The Malta Report of 1963 envisaged the coming rogether of the Roman Catholic Church and the churches of the Anglican Communion in terms of "unity by strang." We Communion in terms of "unity by stages". We have reached agreements on the doctrines of the Eucharist, Ministry, and, apart from the qualifications of para 24, Authority, Doctrinal agreements reached by theological commissions cannot, however, by themselves achieve the goal of Christian unity. Accordingly, we submit our Statements to our respective archivitates. salvation. This authority is ascribed in both our traditions to decisions of the ecumenical councils of the first centuries.†

20. The bishops are collectively responsible for defending and interpreting the apostolic faith. The primacy accorded to a bishop implies that, after consulting his fellow hishops, he may speak in their name and express their mind. The recognition of his position by the faithful creates an expectation that on occasion he will take an initiative in speaking for the Church. Primatial statements are only one way by which the Holy Spirit keeps the people of God faithful to the truth of the gospel.

21. If primacy is to be a genuine expression of episcope it will foster the koinonia by helping the bishops in their task of apostolic leadership both in their local church and in the Church universal. Primacy fulfils its purpose by helping the churches to listen to one another, to grow in love and unity, and to strive together towards the fullness of Christian life and witness; it respects and promotes Christian freedom and spontaneity; it does not seek uniformity where diversity is legitimate or centralize administration to the deriment of local churches. A primace exercises his ministry not in isolation but in collegial association with his brother bishops. His intervention in the affairs of a local church should not be made in such a way as to usarp the responsibility of its bishop.

22. Although primacy and conciliarity are complementary elements of episcope it has often happened that one has been emphasized at the expense of the other, even to the point of serious imbalance. When churches have been separated from one another, this danger has been increased. The koinonia of the churches reaccordingly, we submit our State-ments to our respective authorities to consider whether or not they are judged to express on these central subjects a unity at the level of faith which not only justifies but requires action to bring about a closer sharing be-tween our two communions in life, worship, and mission.

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Authority in the Church (SPCK, Holy Tristity Church, Marylebone Roed, London, NW1 4DU, and The Catholic Truth Society, 38-40 Eccleston Square, London, SW1V 1PD, 20p).

"This is emphasized in the Anglican tradition. Of the Lambeth Conferences of 1948 and 1968.
I Since our historical divisions, the Roman Catholic Church has continued the practice of holding general councils of its isshops, some of which it has designated as exumunical. The churchs of the Anglican Communion have of the Anglican Communion have developed other forms of conciliarity. I for infallibility is a technical term which does not bear precisely the same meaning as the worst does in common things, its threelookal sonds is seen in paras 15 and 19 above,

WEST EUROPE.

Agreement reached on doctrine of authority in the Church Nine tell East Europeans to stop would basis for confronting them. It is when we more from these basic principles to particular claims of sparal primary and, to its exercise that problems arise, the gravity of which will be the control of the particular claims of sparal primary and, to the forms are as commonly presented in the past see as commonly presented in the past seed to them as the past seed to th

On the basis of figures supplied by Britain, Mr Finn Olav Gundelach, the EFC commissioner in charge of fisheries negotiations, told the ministers that the three East European countries, and in particular the Soviet Union, had fished at levels that would quickly exhaust their quotas.

It was agreed to send a com-munication to the three coun-tries, informing them of the number of vessels they would be allowed to send into the

during the first three months of this year, with a prospect of zone. Instead, the mi continued access thereafter if agreed to prolong by a they were prepared to negotiate. the standstill Speaking as chairman of the approved last December,

Council of Ministers, Mr allows member states to Crosland, the Foreign Secretary, tinue fishing in each told a press conference after today's meeting that the Soviet

between EEC member within their collective 20 waters at the same le-

Split appears in EEC over Portugal entry

difficulty would be removed by simply restoring communion, but no others the implication would itself be an obstacle to entering into communion with Rome.

(c) Anglicans find grave difficulty in the affirmation that the pope can be infallible in his teaching. It must, however, be borne in mind that the doctrine of infallibility; it is hedged round by very rigorous conditions laid down at the First Vatican Council. These conditions preclude the idea that the pope is an inspired oracle communicating fresh revelation, or that he can speak independently of his fellow bishops and the Church, or on matters not concerning faith or morals. For the Roman Catholic Church the pope's dogmatic definitions, which, fulfilling the criteria of infallibility, are preserved from error, do no more but no less than express the mind of the Church on issues concerning the divine revelation. Even so, special difficulties are created by the recent Marian dogmas, because From Our Own Correspondent Brussels, Jan 18

Signs of serious divisions within the European Community over how to respond to a possible Portuguese application for membership later this year appeared at a meeting here today of Foreign Ministers of the Nine. The meeting was the first to be held under the six-month presidency of Mr Crosland, the Foreign Secretary.

Previously, little considera-tion has been given to the political and economic implica-tions of enlarging the EEC further. Ministerial minds have heen wonderfully concentrated. nowever, by the urgent need to decide what to say to Dr Soares, the Portuguese Prime Minister, when he tours Euro-pean capitals in February and

The main purpose of Dr Soares's mission will be to assess the likely response to a membership application. His visit will be taking place at a time when the EEC is already embroiled in difficult entry negotiations with Greece. In addition, there is the prospect that Spain's democratic credentials could soon satisfy the political requirements membership. political for

Three main arguments were

advanced in the Council of Ministers today. Mr Crosland, backed by his West German and Danish colleagues, emphasized the sustenance which EEC membership would provide for a fledgling Portuguese democracy still threatened by totalitarian pressures

He said it was important uci to give the Portuguese the impression that they were being held at arm's length

Mr Garret FitzGerald, the Irish Foreign Minister, articulated the view—strongly shared by the Dutch and the Belgians—that the EEC's own decisionmaking institutions must be made more effective before new members are admitted.

Other countries expressed concern about the economic implications of Portuguese membership. Mr Renaet van Elslande, the Belgian Foreign Minister, suggested the EEC should seriously consider initi-ally offering Portugal "someing between association and full membership

In a separate discussion, the Foreign Ministers agreed on the importance of maintaining pressure on Japan in the light of the unsatisfactory response so far to requests to reduce its large trade surplus with the

Trade pact signed wit Middle Ea countries

From David Cross Brussels, Jan 18

The European Comm: increasingly cordial re-with the Arab world wer ther strengthened in Br today with the signir trade, aid and coope pacts with Egypt, Jorda Syria.

Emphasizing the impo the new agreements Crosland, the Foreign tary, said they encou together our efforts to between developed and de ing countries in keeping the hopes we all have more just and balanced mic order in the world". Mr Crosland, who was member governments, s the agreements in his capacity as acting chairm the EEC's Council of 1

Zakaria Adbul Farah, Egyptian Minister for I Development, said agreements reflected response by his country, tions of unity in Europe. On a less enthusiastic however, the Egyptian mir made it clear that he and Arab colleagues were still satisfied with the leve financial aid being offere the Community under terms of the agreements. Community's failure to offer of grants and loans to ing 270m units of acc (about £175m) over the four years or so had holding up the conclusion the agreements.

The signing of today's a: ments means that the t munity has now negoti trade, aid and coopera links with all the Med ranean Arab countries ex Lebanon
A similar pact with Israto be signed in Brussels

month, as part of the (munity's careful policy of



Politics play minor role as first elected mayor of Portuguese city faces a daunting task

Cash crisis holds back city reforms

From Richard Wigg Setubal, Jan 18

Dr Ernesto Vitorino, a 41-year-old schoolmaster, is one of the new crop of Socialist mayors who emerged from Portugal's first democratic municipal elections held last month. After more than 40 years of authorization govern-ment, he force grave problems of fine princes. of financing the administra-tion of Setubal, a leading industrial city.

emerged yesterday with another dramatic appeal for austerity and redoubled hard work from the Finance Minister. The Portuguese, he said, were living off what foreigners produced.

One of these problems

But that did not stop the local government workers' trade unions demonstrating only hours afterwards outside Parliament in Lisbon in protest over a 15 per cent wage increase and against an official proposal to increase the present 35-hour working week to between 40 and 45 hours.

Dr Vitorino said today that the rates and other local taxes in Setubal were not enough to cover his municipal wage bills. "For any public works or improvements we are dependent of shipbuilding, dant on grants from the central dent on grants from the central government."

A telephone call came through while we talked and he pleaded with Lisbon officials ne pleaded with Lisbon officials for an emergency subsidy to pay this month's wage bills. Financial worries override everything, even politics for Setubal's mayor. Under the proportional representation system he leader a rise mayor.

tem, he leads a nine-man muni-cipal executive of four Socialcipal executive of tour poularists, four representatives of the Communist Electoral Front, and bly line worker nominated the Communists after the incommunists after the incommunists. one representative of the ex-treme left-wing "popular power groups" which backed Major Otelo Saraiva de Carvalho in last June's presidential election, making this industrial belt south of Lisbon his chief stronghold.

assembly, and electrical ar ance industries, has been b hit by the prolonged econo crisis after the 1974 revolut Its essential priorities now proper housing—almost a que ter of the 90,000 population d not have piped water—and revival of the town's econor that local Communists ! Socialists will unite over th

phasized to me the party's terest in "sound administ tion", copying the Italian Co. munist Party's approach to lo government. He admitted Communist administration h The city's needs are very similar to those of a developing been sorely harassed by extra country—housing, slum clear-ance, water supply and drain-age, public transport and electors.

Jailbreak wave was planned minister claims

From Our Own Correspondent Rome, Jan 18

Signor Francesco Cossiga, the Minister of the Interior, claimed today that detailed planning was behind many of Italy's recent jail escapes. He said that the state of public order, while grave, would not create fear among the public.

Magnethia prison warders Meanwhile, prison warders throughout the country have begin a protest against their working conditions by refusing to leave their posts when their shifts end.

Bonn pledge to support Italian loan efforts From Our Own Correspondent

The West German Government managed to boost Iralian morale considerably by the time Signor Andreotti, the Prime Minister, completed his official anguagement in the official engagements in Bonn tonight. Although Bonn no longer favours direct bilateral aid of

the kind given two years ago with a loan to Italy of DM5,000m (£1,250m) and pre-

little stronger politically the He has a firm promise support from Herr Schmidt, the Chancellor, in his efforts raise a loan of \$530m (£311r). from the International Mon tary Fund. Official source said that Herr Schmidt he committed Bonn to supporting the application as a member both the IMF and the Europes Community.

Herr Schmidt said that F

was "very encouraged" by th fers to help it in concert with Italian campsign to strengthe other nations, Signor Andreotti the economy, and welcomed the returns to Rome tomorrow a reduction of import controls.

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Harry Debelius 1, Jan 18

men temporarily sus-3 salvage operations in one harbour tonight recovering more bodies american sailors and as who died in the big-1arbour disaster in the

of the port. vorities there said that re victims were found which brings the death 44. They fear the total go as high as 50, with at half dozen men still not ted for. The frogmen's was to be resumed at

disaster happened early moday morning when a lavy launch, carrying 110 sailors and marines their Sixth Fleet ships hore leave, collided with nish freighter and cap Most of the survivors ng treated for injuries. ms of the collision were leading up to the tunnel.

men assigned to the helicopter carrier USS Guam and the landing ship USS Trenton.

The number of dead might have been even higher if it were not for the fact that the launch remained afloat, keel up, after the crash, and some of the injured, wearing life jackets, floated and were able to breathe in the air pocker under the hull.

The bodies of those found by last night were flown to the Torrejon air base, near Mad-rid, to be flown back to the United States 10dey.

United States 1000y.

In another accident in Spain, the Costa Brava Express train caught fire in a tunnel near Saragossa today, and four of its nine carriages were com-pletely destroyed. The 149 passengers and the crew walked to safety to the mouth of the Firemen were unable to reach the blaze until it had done considerable damage, because there was no

^kt police surround French court

engeful mood at counting dnapping trial

trials in France have heralded by such a wave rror as that of M Patrick , aged 23, a commercial ler, charged with the kid-ag and murder of Philippe and, a boy of seven, opened today before the of Troyes. Throughout ngth and breadth of the y, from ministers to the in the street, rose a call swift and exemplary ment, in the circums, the death penalty. ing police investigations

nry is said to have told dice: "I have nothing to ith this odious kidnap-The wretches who did it e death. I hope they are y found out". He throughout France, to television screens, fol-

for 19 days every turn tragedy. They wimessed earful anguish of the s faced with the demand ransom of 800,000 francs £80,000) they could not begin to produce; the led conversations with iduapper; the deliberate ity encouraged by the in the hope of persuade culprit that there was y out; and the martyr-f the father, sent around tip-off to identify some unt relic belonging to his

Le Figaro wrote: Everyentified himself with jusnd with revenge, so pow-and overwhelming was accentrated impact of the a subject for medi-

le preparing the case, investigating magistrate, Sérard, received repeated il first chosen by the lefence. Maître Robert er, a convinced advocate e death penalty, who I to defend him together he chairman of the Chau-Bar, was also attacked. inhabitants of Troyes ed the boy's funeral in



M Patrick Henry: Wide spread demand for the death penalty.

their thousands, and petitions calling for the death penalty were covered with signatures. The defence objected to holding the trial in the town but the Cour de Cassation overruled them. To preclude the risk of demonstrations and unrest, however, the investigat-

ing magistrate travelled to Chaumont prison to interrogate M Henry, detained there with extraordinary precautions, as much to protect him from his fellow prisoners as against himself.

room, three quarters packed with reporters, only 25 care fully vetted members of the public had been admitted to fill the rear.

But after all the passion the town was calm as if to justify the decision of the supreme court.

The trial is due to last three days. M Henry has now confessed to the crime. "My deed horrifies me", he is reported to have said during its recon stitution by the police. But many points have still to be up during the trial, and notably the question of the life of the man.

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jan 18.—Carl Zuck-the German-born play-The Captain of nick, ridiculed German rism, died in hospital at wiss town today, aged 80. ffered a fall at his home is Fee last month.

Zuckmayer left Germany 3 after the Nazis banned lays. He lived in the ! States until he settled itzerland in 1958.

Captain of Köpenick, n in 1931, tells how a g on a military uniform. was based on the true of an unemployed Berlin who fooled Prussian offiinto obeying his orders. Zuckmayer increased his ation with The Devil's al, written in 1946.

Footballer shot dead in hoax iewel hold-up

Cecconi, star striker of Lazio Roma, the Italian First Divi-sion football club, was shot dead here tonight by a jeweller who mistook him for a robber The footballer and two friends entered the shop of Signor Bruno Tabacchini, aged 44, in the fashionable Flaminio

Rome, Jan 18.—Luciano Re

district, saying jokingly: "This is an armed robbery."

Witnesses said Signor Tabacchini immediately drew a pistol from a drawer and fired several shots Police said the player had pulled his coat collar up to partly cover his face so the jeweller, whom he knew, would not recognize him. They said Signor Tabacchini had his back

to the door when the three

walked in, and pulled the pistol

out and fired even before

seeing them.-Reuter and AP

olice guard bus drivers

vate bus companies, began orning and is scheduled st three days. It does ffect the municipal bus es in the city centre.

many school children, lack of private buses : a day at home and at factories many workers to show up.

bus drivers are demandminimum of £51 a week, bonus payments of about each in the year, 30 days' ty and retirement at 55. of the bus drivers who away from their jobs were the same ones who ccepted extra pay to work ikebreakers when drivers ladrid's municipal buses on strike last year.

Along with the strike news, Madrid newspapers carried a report saying that, according to official estimates, the cost of living had risen in Spain by nearly 20 per cent last year. This compared with an official per cent in 1975.

was expected to meet in Madrid today with the Deputy Prime Minister in charge of security and defence, Lieutenant-General Manuel Gutiérrez Mellado, and the Interior Minister, Señor Rodolfo Martin Villa, to discuss Basque demands for a degree of autonomy and local control over

police forces. In an apparent effort to ease Basque provincial governors to lished here today.

OVERSEAS Plane crash

kills the Premier of

Committee.

Mr Bijedic, a lawyer, became Prime Minister in 1971. As a prewar Communist, he joined the Tito partisans during the war, and later made his political career in his native Bosnia where he occupied important political posts since the war. He has travelled extensively and represented President Tito on numerous occasions abroad, including last year in China when he met Chairman Mao.

Tripoli: President Tito arrived in Libya at the start of a four-day official visit, the news agency Arna reported. He was met at the airport by Colonel Gaddafi, chairman of Libya's Revolutionary Command Council and senior ministers.

in both countries will be bilateral relations, particularly expanded trade and economic cooperation, and the activities the non-aligned movement of which all three states are members,

newspaper Borba said in a commentary on the visit today that it was now high time for serious moves to settle the Middle East conflict.

President Tito is also likely to discuss the possibility of putting Middle East problems on the agenda of the Belgrade meeting next June, the followup to the 35-nation Helsinki conference on European security and cooperation in 1975.

The protest campaign against

South Africa, proposed, by the

International Confederation of

Free Trade Unions, has

received little support from

Apart from a decision by rench postal workers to

disrupt communications with

South Africa until Saturday,

most West European and North

American trade unions yester-day appeared to be ignoring the

Correspondents of The Times

filed reports from the following

Brussels: A spokesman for the

ICFTU said that apart from

in other West European and

North American countries were

The Justice Department bas

dropped charges against Mr

Robert Mardian for his alleged

part in the Watergate cover-up.

He was Assistant Attorney

General under Mr John Mitchell and moved with him to the

Committee to Re-Elect Presi-

He was one of the seven men

indicted for the cover-up and

was convicted two years ago.

An appeals court reversed his

conviction last year, on the

ground that his involvement

was relatively unimportant and

that he should have been tried

The Watergate special prose-cutor finally decided that, at

this late stage, it was not worth

trying him again. Of the seven

separately.

dent Nixon (Creep) in 1972.

Case against Watergate

From Our Own Correspondent Charles Colson pleaded guilty

cover-up man dropped

By Our Foreign Staff

trade unionists abroad.

French postal

cities yesterday:

working normally.

Washington, Jan 18

Yugoslavia From Dessa Trevisan-

Belgrade, Jan 18 Mr Dzemal Bijedic, the Yugoslav Prime Minister, was killed when his aircraft, a smail eight-seater jet, crashed in a snowstorm today. He was en route to Sarajevo to address a meeting of the party Central

His wife and three members of his staff were among the eight who died in the crash at Krasevo, west of Sarajevo.

The Prime Minister left Belgrade this morning after attending an airport farewell for President Tito who was on his way to Libya. A rescue team in helicopters went to the scene but heavy snowstorms prevented them from landing. t was only late in the afternoon that news came that there were no survivors.

The President later goes on to Egypt and he is expected to urge both countries to seek a resumption of the Geneva Middle East peace conference as well as encouraging greater Arab unity in tackling conflicts in the area. During his time in Egypt, he will take several days' rest in Aswan.
Other topics for discussion

The semi-official Yugoslav

Arab diplomatic sources said Equally extraordinary pre-cautions were taken roday for the trial. The Palace of Justice was cordoned off by riot police was cordoned off by riot police raised in the discussions with

funeral. President Sadat and Colonel the right wing for the failure of his services to find a single punished, transferred or even Cobituary, page 16 clue to the identity of the identified.

Dazed and bleeding survivors of the Granville disaster sit in an ambulance after their rescue from a carriage flattened by the falling bridge.

50 more dead feared trapped in crushed Sydney express

From Douglas Aiton Melbourne, Jan 18

At least 50 bodies were feared still trapped late last night in the wreckage of a Sydney commuter train which brought a road bridge on too of it when it left the rails this morning.

Thirty-six bodies had been found, and police thought the final disaster toll would be the worst in Australia's history. The disaster occurred at 8.14

Sydney Central morning express left the rails at Gran-ville, about 14 miles west of Sydney. It was carrying commuters from the outer Sydney suburb of Paramatta.

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Late last night the southern section of the bridge was hange in precariously from the road-way and police were planning to dynamite it to prevent it toppling unexpectedly. Rescue

The train, which had slowed to about 20 mph as it approached a slight bend, rammed into the northern supports of the concrete bridge. The locomotive and the first two carriages bounced off the rails and landed on their sides. The third and fourth carriages were crushed when the north-ern half of the 60ft wide Bold Street Bridge collapsed.

Four cars crossing the bridge at the time fell 30ft on to the tracks. A fifth braked with its front wheels hanging over the edge of the bridge.

way and police were planning to dynamite it to prevent it toppling unexpectedly. Rescue workers drilled holes through

concrete a yard thick to reach police, state emergency squads, victims. Giant floodlights were and dozens of doctors and set up to enable work to con-nurses. Barriers kept back 5,000 tinue through the night. Apart from the dead, 86 people, many seriously injured, are in nine Sydney hospitals. At least 200 passengers

escaped injury.
The scene at Granville has been horrific, with rescuers ter on land was when 95 were carting dead bodies, freeing killed by an explosion in a the injured and in some cases coal mine at Mount Kembla, carrying out amputations on New South Wales, in 1902. carrying out amputations on

Doctors and police gave hor-rifying accounts of the scene in the crushed carriages. "We can still see dozens of bodies all over the place", Sergeant Joe Beecroft, leading the police rescue operation, reported.

sightseers.
Rescuers are not yet sure

that all survivors have been rescued and the death roll is still mounting. Until the crash today the greatest single loss of life in an Australian disas-

The worst peacetime sea disaster was the loss of 121 lives in the wreck of the Dunbar off Sydney in 1857. Australia's previous worst train smash was in Melbourne in 1908, when 44 people were killed and 431 were injured Attending were 41 ambu-when a train overshot signals lances, several helicopters, 250 and rammed another.

already taken more lives than the 65 lost, with 140 injured, when cyclone Tracy destroyed Darwin on Christmas morning,

1974.
The Queen has sent a message expressing sympathy to the relatives of those killed and to the injured.

Indian train crash: Twenty-eight people died and 78 were injured today when a passenger train collided with another which was stationary near the Hindu holy city of Varanasi in Uttar Pradesh, Samachar news agency reported.

One of the trains was on its

way to the world's bingest r. li-gious fair, the Kumbh Mela, but railway officials could not confirm immediately if the vic-tims were pilgrims.—Reuter.

Knife attack on Greek | Author of Czechoslovak human rights minister foiled

From Mario Modiano Athens, Jan 18

A young man brandishing a knife lunged towards Mr George Stamatis, the Minister of Public Order, as he was leaving his ministry in central Athens this afternoon. He was caught in time by the Minister's escort and disarmed.

The man, who is now being questioned, identified himself as Mr Elias Thomaidis, aged 30, an agriculturist. He said he be-longed to the extreme left, but the police have reservations about this. Mr Stamatis is at the centre

of a controversy after the murder of a cashiered police officer, Evanghelos Mallios, by unknown assailants last month, and the disorders staged by right-wing extremists at his

The Minister is blamed by

Dockers in Belgian, Dutch,

Australian and Canadian ports,

were refusing to handle cargo to or from South African ports.

In Italy, affiliated unions were

declining to service aircraft destined for South Africa.

Appeals to workers to boy-

cott South African goods have

already been launched in

Paris: The Force Ouvrière branch of the French postal

the boycott of South Africa. The Force Ouvrière workers,

who represent about one-third of the unionized post

office staff refuse to forward mail or handle telephone calls

to South Africa, until the end of the week. They have also sent a telegram of protest to

the South African Government against apartheid through its

to another charge and the Watergate charges against him were dropped. A second, Mr

Gordon Straughan, succeeded in having his case separated

and then the charges against

him were dropped on a techni-cality. A third, Mr Kenneth

The prosecurors are, there-fore, left with three convictions

and a large number of people who pleaded guilty. The three are, admittedly, the most important, Mr John Mitchell, Mr H. R. Haldeman and Mr

Their appeals against their

convictions were rejected by

the appeals court and they have

now taken them to the Supreme

Parkinson, was acquitted.

John Ehrlichman.

embassy in Paris

workers has decided to

Slow start to S African boycott

Britain and Holland.

murderers, and is criticized by the opposition for resisting demands for a wholesale purge in the police of sympathizers of the defunct dictatorship.

The murder of Mr Mallios

increased the mistrust between the Government and the security forces. This was probably the motive behind the assassin-

Government today is to find the golden mean between the need to cleanse the police force of undemocratic elements and the concern to maintain its effec-Opposition critics allege that

police junta overrules the Minister, and they point out that none of the police officers who misbehaved at the Mallios tuneral, or failed to protect Greek journalists when they grouped of subverting his columns. were savagely beaten up by

ers' unions, including those of the Communist-led CGT are not

taking part in the boycott,

Bonn: West German trade

unionists have undertaken no

action over the boycott because

their hands are tied by the law.

terday that interfering with the

loading and unloading of ships could make the unions liable

to pay any damages incurred.
The trade unions were send-

ing protest letters, taking part

in demonstrations and inform-ing workers and the general

New York: A spokesman for the AFL-CIO, the main Ameri-

can union confederation, said

yesterday that the group had refused to take part in the

Swapo march in

Windhoek talks

Windhoek, Jan 18.—Swapo (the South-West Africa Peo-

ple's Organization), the main nationalist movement in South

African-ruled Namibia, staged a peaceful march through

Windhoek today to publicize its demand for United Nations-

The demonstration came as a

South African-sponsored consti-tutional conference—which

Swapo has rejected—was due to reopen at the Turnhalle, Windhoek's old German gym-

About 50 Swapo militants gathered in front of the Turn-

halle before marching along

the town's main thoroughfare,

but did not intervene. Africans

walking to work greeted the

marchers with clenched fist

salutes.—Agence France-Presse.

Police followed at a distance

defiance of

supervised elections.

nasium.

the Kaiserstrasse.

public about apartheid.

Union officials explained ves-

to the ICFTU.

they are not affiliated

pot.
Dr Mlynar is one of 242

plea dismissed from post at museum apparatus. His open letter, sions of internal and interna-

Bonn, Jan 18

As the text of a second Czechoslovak human rights pro-test reached the West today, it of the appeal for Western sup-port had been dismissed from his job without notice. He is Dr Zdenek Mlynar, who

was secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party under the progressive leadership of Mr Dubcek in 1968. More recently he has been working as a natural sciences expert in the Prague National Museum. He was summoned by the

nuseum directorate late yesterday, after his open letter to democratic, socialist and comaccused of subvertion leagues and dismissed on the

people who signed the original "Charter 77" manifesto demanding the restoration of rights enshrined in the Czechoslovak constitution and laws but set aside by the state 77 gives thanks for the expres-

however, was a solo effort.

The new text which reached a number of leading newspapers, including The Times, tories are certainly not only involved to the property including The Times, tories are certainly not only involved to the property of the propert today, is a strong protest against the reaction of the authorities to the first mani-

It discloses that the secret

lished in any Western news-paper. A car carrying three associates of Charter 77 to a post office, where they planned to send copies of the manifesto the Government and all the signatories, was stopped by policemen who seized the envelopes and arrested the occu-

proceedings.
The three spokesmen of Charter Vaclay Havel, the author, and Dr Jiri Hajek, the former Foreign Minister — had Foreign appointed deputies to take over if they were prevented from carrying on. The substitutes would be named if necessary.
"The spokesmen of Charter

intellectuals but also workers including citizens who were never exposed to repression account of of 1968 and are involving thempolice struck many hours before selves out of internal need. Cne the original manifesto was pubshould, therefore, describe Charter 77 not as a dissident group but as a citizens' action group", the second protest concludes.

Moscow: The Soviet chapter of Amnesty International called on the signatories of the Helsinki declaration to press for the release of political pants. This explains how the prisoners in Eastern Europe. authorities had a complete list Dr Valentin Turchin, the Dr Valentin Turchin, the

of signatories so early in the head of the chapter, foreign correspondents on the telephone, that democratic Charter 77-Professor Jan rights were being ignored in Patocka, the philosopher, Mr Czechoslovakia, Poland and Yugoslavia, "Probably nowhere in the

world is the repression of basic freedoms so intense and cynical as in Czechoslovakia", said the appeal, read by Dr-Turchin and signed by the nine members of the chapter.-

Riot police fire

teargas into

Britain suggests way out of Rhodesia deadlock

From Nicholas Ashford

Cape Town, Jan 18 Mr Ivor Richard, chairman of the recessed Rhodesian settlement talks, arrived here tonight from Nairobi at the start of what is generally thought to be a final attempt by Britain to find a peaceful solution to the

crisis.

Emphasizing the importance that he attaches to the success of his mission, Mr Richard said on arrival that he was trying to prevent a carastrophe in Southern Africa. "If there is not a "If there is not a peaceful settlement, the poten-tialities for the region are very

Mr Richard is to have talks with Mr Vorster, the Prime Minister, tomorrow afternoon during which he will try to gain South African support for new peace proposals that he and his team have been drawing up in Nairobi during the past six days. He explained that during his first tour around Southern Africa earlier this month he had merely been airing various ideas for a settlement. These had now been put into more concrete form.

Mr Richard is to fly to
Salisbury on Thursday and
expects to spend several days
there. In addition to outlining his new proposals to Mr Smith, he also hopes to travel around

While in Rhodesia, he will also have talks with Bishop Abel Muzorewa, leader of one of the nationalist groups at the ernment and received a reply Geneva talks. Later he will saying his appeal would be again meet Mr Robert Mugabe considered. "To our utter disand Mr Joshua Nkomo the leaders of the Patriotic Front, whose guerrilla organization is the eight men had been now being backed exclusively executed."

the country and meet the

by the African "frontline" states. This meeting will take place either in Lusaka or Maputo.

It is believed that Mr Richard's new plan involves a direct British presence in an interim government which would rule Rhodesia during the transition to majority rule. Previously his proposals for a "neural" British presence had been largely confined to a resi-dent British commissioner who would play a balancing role. Under the new scheme, Britain would also play a key role in the maintenance of law and order and defence,

Our Diplomatic Correspondent

writes:
Britain is sending a new paper to all the parties concerned in the Rhodesia negotiations, setting out the British proposals on setting up an interim govern-ment. This is not a "new initia-tive", the Foreig Office em-phasized vesterday, but a résumé of the ideas that Mr Ivor Richard has been discussing in the first part of his African shuttle. Michael Knipe writes from Salisbury: Bishop Abel Muzo-rewa disclosed today that he

had appealed personally for clemency for the eight Africans executed on Monday after being found guilty of urban terrorism. They were all mem-bers of the bishop's African nationalist faction. Bishop Muzorewa said he had made approaches to the Gov-

may, the next thing we heard

was the statement today that

Cairo protesters Continued from page 1 But after a few steps he turned round and marched quickly

> Then the mob suddenly Started running towards Liberation Square as squads of riot police charged down the road outside the Assembly, Tear gas cartridges hissed

and spluttered into the crowd as

it surged into the square, already crowded with more than 3,000 other demonstrators. For a few minutes it seemed as though the fighting would stop and the students, some carrying clubs, walked over to the riot police and talked to them. Then a police bus careered into the square, smashed into a hijacked trolley-

Within seconds, the youths nearest the police were throw-ing broken paving stones at The police fired more than 30 teargas canisters at the mob and as darkness fell the cartridges could be seen snaking

bus and almost hit a student.

like fireworks in the sky. By 8 pm, police had driven more than 3,000 people into July 26 Street-named after the date of Nasser's coup-and the roads were littered with glass, stones and wrecked city buses. Later traffic in most parts of the capital was back to normal. although all public transport

was halted. Cairo, Jan 18 .- The Government is prepared to reconsider the price increases, the Middle East News Agency reported quoting Mr Fuad Mohieddin, Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs. - Agence

France-Presse.

fying Madrid strike

Our Correspondent

cemen rode on the few ban buses operating here to protect spike-breaking from possible violence. stoppage, by employees estimate of a rise of over 14

In another development, a delegation of Basque mayors

tension, the Interior Minister has issued instructions to allow the use of the white and green Basque flag in unofficial acts, according to reports pub-

Carter son was caught in marijuana raid

Washington, Jan 18.--Mr Jack Carter, aged 29, the eldest son of President-elect limmy Carter, was discharged from the US Navy in 1970 after being caught smoking marijuana with 54 classmates at an Idaho training school a Navy spokesman He was commercing on a report by Mr Jack Anderson, a

The President-elect favours

renealing laws against having

but increasing penalties for sell-

newspaper columnist.

Court. Mr Ehrlichman is already serving his sentence for his part in another of the Nixon indicted for the cover-up, Mr crimes, the Ellsberg burglary. Ice age Washington braces itself to give President warm welcome

It was 16 degrees in Washington at noon today (Fahrenheir- America knows not Celsius) and the snow has now frozen so solidly that it barely cracks when you walk on it. There has been no precipitation, as the weather service here put it, for five days and the piled-up snow and ice along the sides of the roads is, therefore, a dirty grey and most unappeal-

ing.
This is all of more than

passing interest, because Mr Jimmy Carter will be inaugur-

ated President here on Thurs-

day and large crowds will be

crowds will gather in various public places during the evenshades. The weather forecast for

Thursday is fair and sunny and perhaps even with temperatures above freezing, but who knows of salt and sand to put on the The last supplies are stored

Pennsylvania Avenue, the rather shabby street running ing, ladies with low-cut dresses from the Capitol to the White and frozen toes and the men in House, along which the indinner jackets of various augural procession will travel. Elaborate arrangements have

been made by police, municipal authorities and the secret service to cope with any snow that should fall on Thursday. Secret service agents will follow the what surprises may come country from Canada. The first serious selfless tradition of their can-snow, which as usual brought the city and government to a menaces the President, they will wrestle it to the ground. Police ploughs to take the snow into dozen ' "warm-up places" to re-

out to watch and even larger in strategic sites along and near suscitate any spectators who have ventured out with an inadequate supply of ski-jackets and mittens. In the good old days (before

the new deal) inaugurals were in March, when the weather was better. However, General William Henry Harrison, elected President in 1840 at the age of 68, rode on a horse to his inaugural through a storm. He died 31 days later of pneumonia.

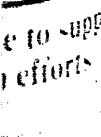
Mr Carter will watch the procession from a beated reviewing stand outside the White House, and he should be all right. After

New York: Americans are shivering in one of their coldest winters for many years. Record low temperatures are being registered from New York to the Middle West, schools have had to close, factories have shut, and ice is blocking the Great Lakes and the rivers. In Florida, growers of oranges, lemons and grapefruit

Peter Strafford writes from

are keeping fires burning round their fruit groves in an attempt to prevent the temperature from dropping too far. In New York, yesterday's

temperature dropped to minus 1° the coldest in 108 all, it is just as cold now in his home town of Plains, Georgia. years.



OVERSEAS

Pacifist governor to ban British ship selling arms in Tokyo

From Peter Hazelhurst
Tokyo, Jan 18
The Royal Navy support
vessel, HMS Lyness, which is
due to sail to the Far East and
lapan next month to promote
3 rinish arms sales, is likely to
be barred from entering Tokyo
harbour by Mr Ryokichi
Minobe, the city's governor, a
zealous pacifist. zealous pacifist.

Mr Minobe is expected for-mally to ban the floating exhi-bition because militant left-wing students, who oppose a policy of rearmament in Japan, might stage violent demonstra-tions against the British vessel.

Government officials suggested today that Mr Minoba will transmit a statement to the Japanese Foreign Office later this week rejecting permission for the vessel to enter harbour. Under an ambitious plan to promote the sales of British arms in Japan as a means of redressing the imbalances in trade between the two countries, the Lyness is due to countries the Lyness is due to anchor off Tokyo at the end of March. During the proposed seven-day exhibition, Japanese defence experts were to be invited on board the 12,359-ton air support ship to inspect a large display of British weapons, including 105mm light vehicles, armoured ground-to-air missiles, a ground monitoring radar system, field artillery computers, 51mm mortars, patrol boats and heli-The ship's crew had also hoped to give a display of

shock to British diplomats. A spokesman for the British Embassy said: "We confirm the reports but we have not received an official reply yet. If
they prove correct it is very
disappointing."

It is possible that the Lyness
might seek permission to stage

might seek permission to stage the exhibition elsewhere off the Japanese coast, but Western diplomats pointed out that the

diplomats pointed out that the governors of other city-ports would probably follow Mr Minobe's lead.

A spokesman for the Tokyo metropolitan administration said today that the governor was expected to turn down the Reisick request in accordance British request in accordance with his policy of expelling everything smelling of gun-powder from the capital".

An American diplomat, a veteran in negotiating arms veteran in negonating arms deal; with Japan, described the British plan as "a bungle". He said: "Mr Minobe's reactions were predictable. Britain's plan was not. You cannot sell arms in Japan this way. I believed that the United Kingdom was still a past master of diplomace. still a past master of diplomacy. But arms sales in Japan is still a very sensitive issue. Negotia-tions and offers must be discreet, otherwise the Govern-ment is confronted with demonstrations. I am amazed." Britain's last big arms sale to Japan was concluded almost two years ago when the Japanese Defence Agency pur-

chased British tank barrels to

the value of £5m.

Canadian forces to be strengthened

From John Best Ottawa, Jan 18

A recompment programme, which is expected to cost several billion dollars, is in prospect for the Canadian armed forces. It will be the biggest pro-gramme of its kind ever under-taken in presenting taken in peacetime.

In addition to new equipment, ranging from tanks to aircraft and ships, plans have been made to add between 4,000 and 5,000 men to the strength of the regular armed forces. This would reverse a downward trend that began when Mr Trudeau took office as Prime Minister nearly nine years ago. At that time the regulars numbered just under 100,000. Now, it is 78,000.

The Government, which had been under constant attack from defence groups and others concerned about the rundown of Canada's military strength, agreed last year to give the Defence Department a 12 per cent real increase in funds for capital spending every year for five

nev, the Soviet party leader, counted

agreement on limiting strategic first it was necessary to con-

arms. "Conclusion of the solidate what had been agreed agreement cannot be put off", This was all the more urgent

Mr Brezhnev quoted an He recalled that note have made in November for a posal made in November for a

virtually impossible to monitor. demands which, he said, it had

Final agreement on a Salt made at the force reduction

urged President-elect Carter

today to give priority to attain-

ing a new Soviet-American

The Soviet Union was ready

new advance in Soviet-American

But, above all, preparations

would have to be completed for a new strategic arms limitation

(Salt) pact on the basis of the

Soviet-American understanding

reached in Vladivostok in 1974,

reached, the United States and the Soviet Union would begin

to develop a new generation of atomic weapons which would be

pact has been delayed by talks in differences over whether it should cover the Soviet backfire bomber and the American asserted.

he told a meeting in Tula.

relations.

to cooperate with the Carter in October. Administration to achieve a It was non

get is to be increased to keep up with inflation. The effect, according to defence officials, will be to increase the capital programme-mostly of equipment purchases—from the pre-sent 11 per cent to 21 per cent a proportion of the total defence programme.

Mr Barnett Danson, the De-

The rest of the defence bud-

fence Minister, told a national conference of defence associations here at the weekend that the purchase is imminent of a new armoured car for the Army, to replace the British-made

At least 300 models of the vehicle chosen, the Swiss-designed Piranha, are to be built under licence in Canada at a cost of about \$200m (about £117m). As many as 400 more will be built later.
Mr Danson said he will soon

announce his decision on fighter aircraft and naval replacements. The Government has already approved the purchase of a new patrol aircraft, as well as the German Leopard tank to replace the Centurions.

Mr Brezhnev said that the

Soviet Union was ready to go

beyond the terms of the provi-

sional Vladivostok accord but

because the 1972 five-year interim Salt agreement expired

It was nonsense to allege that the Soviet Union was doing more to build up its military

potential than was necessary for

defence, and was aiming for

Of Western reports that this was the case, Mr Brezhnev said: "We are bored by this

treaty pledging its signatories never to be the first to use

He also criticized Nato for

military superiority.

nuclear weapons.

jabbering."



Jerry Lane Jurek: Last minute stay of execution.

Enemies of executions to fight on From Peter Strafford

New York, Jan 18
Yesterday's execution of
Gary Gilmore, the convicted
murderer who insisted on dying. has been greeted by protests from opponents of the death penalty in the United States The National Council of Churches said it contributed to the "brutalization of our whole society" and a Roman Catholic conference official described it as "profoundly disturbing". But believers in capital punishment are also a strong, though less vocal, group in American society. Few of them were offended by the scene in the Utah state prison and the New York Daily News spoke for them today when it commented.

them today when it commented that "Gilmore finally met the fate he so richly deserved". The newspaper criticized the American Civil Liberties Union and others who tried to prevent the execution, describing their appeals to the conscience of society as misdirected. "It is obvious from the actions of legislatures that it will take - than impassioned breastbeating to convince people that capital punishment—hard and ugly as it is—is not a fitting atonement for crimes such as Gary Gilmore committed", it

No further executions are expected in the immediate future, although there are about 350 people under sentence of death across the country. A second one had een expected tomorrow in Huntsville, Texas, where Jerry Lane Jurek, aged 26, had been due to die in the electric chair for killing a 10-year-old child-But a last-minute stay was ordered last night by the Supreme Court while it examines the case further. A Staff Reporter writes: There was no intention on the part of either of the British television news networks to show the execution of Mr Jurek, had it taken place as scheduled.

spokesmen for both the BBC and Independent Television News said yesterday. It was to have been televised in the Brezhnev offer on US arms deal

ment on cutting forces in Cen-tral Europe and had no objecin the sauctity of international obligations.

tions to discussing related ques-

tions at any level and wherever was suitable.
On the Warsaw Pact proposal, he said that Moscow hoped that those who determined policy in Western countries would take a

reasonable approach to it.
The Soviet Union "will never take the path of aggression and will never raise a sword against other peoples".

Mr Brezhnev hit back at Wes tern critics of the Soviet Union's performance in fulfill-ing the pledges it made in 1975 at Helsinki. He accused them of concentrating on individual elements of the European security conference declaration, with the aim of impeding positive processes started by the Helsinki meeting.

Apparently referring to Wes

tern criticism of the Soviet record on human rights, Mr Brezhnev said that some people in the West would like to "teach us to live according made at the force reduction talks in Vienna. Essentially to rules that are incompatible via to with socialist democracy? duce more, we reduce less, he deded: "I would like to find the desired of the de sserted. say that this is a futile. The Soviet Union neverthe attempt."—Reuter.

low-flying cruise missiles, and, Gun found next to body of

Kirov dancer Moscow, Jan 18.—Yuri Solo-viev, lead male dancer of the Kirov Ballet, who was found dead at his country house near Leningrad, had a bullet in his head, according to reports in Leningrad. A gun was found

Soloviev, aged 36, held the title of People's Artist of the Soviet Union. From artistic and diplomatic circles in Leningrad it appears Soloviev's body was found at his dacha outside the city last week by another mem-ber of the kirov, one of the world's best-known ballet com-

Tass, the official Soviet news agency, today confirmed that the dancer had died, but gave no details.—Reuter.

Chinese Zodiac bodes well for Hongkong Governor

Hongkong, Jan 18

Officials of the Chinese Communist Party in Hongkong to-day joined the general reaction of warm satisfaction at the ex-tension of Sir Murray Mac-Lehose's term as Governor for another year.

A senior executive of the Pcople's Daily claimed that the Chinese Embassy in London had been privately informed of the extension two weeks ago. Leading articles in today's Chinese Nationalist press similarly welcomed the news. Sir Murray's sixth year of office begins in November of the Year of the Snake in the Chinese Zodiac calendar. According to Chinese tradition,

Two other songs topping the pops in China are "Chairman Hua Kuo-feng is Right Behind the Poor and Lower-Middle Peasants" and "Chairman Hua, who Fishten of the Whele

although two cycles earlier (1893), was the late Chairman Mao Tse-tung.

Mao Tse-tung.
Some observers detect a credible affinity between some of Sir Murray's Snake traits and those of the Chairman, as defined by Chinese soothsayers: flexibility, patience, courage, camourflage, perserverance and survival; bold striking reaction when protecting its purpose described. when protecting its young; dex-terity in avoiding and foiling an enemy from the rear; and "2 fundness for the night-time" (which implies a talent for quiet negotiations),

the coincidence of his sixtleth year, as he was born in a former Year of the Snake (1917),

Another notability who was born in the Year of the Snake,

Gang of Four top charts

Peking, Jan 18.—The latest hit record in China is a song aimed against Mao Tse-tung's widow entitled "Indignantly Condenn the Wang-Chang-Chiang-Yao Gang of Four". "Hail the Great Victory of the Crushing of the Anti-Party Clique and "Everyone is Rejoicing Over the group, it attacks Mao's widow, Wiping Out of the Four Pests". Sung by a Peking choral group, it attacks Mao's widow. Chiang Ching, who was arrested last October with three other top radical leaders, Wang Hungwen, Chang Chun chiao and Yao Wen-yuan, and accused of try-

ing to stage a coup. the Fighters of the Whole The People's Daily, the party newspaper, said today that Agence France-Presse.

21 infected by rabies boy

Katmandu, Jan 18.—A youth suffering from rabies infected at least 21 people, including doctors, at Nepal's largest hospital here before he died this

week.
The youth, aged 18, was admitted to the hospital at the weekend, three months after be was bitten by a dog. Doctors, it is alleged, failed to notice he was suffering from hydrophobia—fear of water—a classic symptom of rabies.—Agence

More councils told to submit comprehensive school plan House of Commons. Will she also make clear to the local authorities concerned that it them if they default an advise either authorities and advise either authorities.

mouse of Commons.

Mrs Shirley Williams, Secretary of State for Education and Science, has written to a further 26 local education authorities where further progress is required towards bringing about a fully comprehensive system for secondary education.

sive system was sectionally tenders into.

Six local authorities are being required to submit within six mouths proposals for reorganizing all their remaining selective schools, 12 are being required to submit also within six months proposals for reorganizing some parts of their area where selective schools remain, and eight are being required to submit proposals, again within six months, in respect of particular voluntary schools where admission arrangements remain on a selective basis.

Mr John Ovenden (Gravesend, Lab) had asked her what communications she had sent to local education sufferities since the beginning of December in connexion with her powers under the Education Act, powers under the Education Act, 1976.

Those of us (he went on) who are interested in seeing comprehensive education become a reality throughout the country will welcome her action in imposing a strict time limit.

Lord Avon's motives were never impugned

During questions to the Prime Minister, there were Conservative protests and some Labour cheers when Mr James Lamond (Oldinam, East, Lab) referred to what he called an "imputent and ill advised speech" by the Duke of Edinburgh on the deprived and underprivileged. House of Lords The House was mourting the death of a great statesman and a great patriot, Lord Feart, Lord President of the Council and Leader of the House, said when tributes were paid to the late Lord Avon.

His holding of the office of Prime Manister, he recalled, which should have been the summit of his career coincided with the decline of his health and obscured the great achievements of his years as Foreign Secretary.

We should not (he said) let this dam our memory of his years of greatness or his striking contribution to the history of our country. (Cheers.) The House was mourning the death Mr Max Madden (Sowerby, Lab) had asked when the Prime Minister would next meet the TUC General Council. Mr Callaghan (Cardiff, South-East, Lab)—I expect to meet some of the leaders of the TUC when I take the chair at the meeting of the NEDC on February 2. Other meetings will be arranged as necessary.

By his death they had lost the

By his death they had lost the last surviving member of the War Cabinet. It was the final opportunity to pay personal tribute to those brave and farsighted men who supported Winston Churchill and led the country successfully through the war.

It was not useful to speculate whether the military action against Egypt taken in opposition to American advice was the decision of a sick man or out of character with his previous career or whether it was a determined response to aggression.

We admire the achievements of

We admire the achievements of we acquire the achievements of his long career (he said) and his many virtues which symbolize much of what is best in British much of what is best in British public life. (Cheers.)
Lord Carrington, Leader of the Opposition peers, said it was a sad occasion but at the same time one when they could be thankful for the many public services that were given and the example set in Lord Avon's long pullical creek. Avon's long political career.

His firm determination that the mistakes of 1914 were never going to be repeated were a guarantee that British foreign policy would be robust, sensible, and forward looking.

I do not believe the said as

I do not believe (he said), as some commentators have suggested, that Suez was the beginning of the decline of British influence. There were other reasons. But whatever the views that we may

whatever the views that we may have then and now about Suez, I have never heard one person impugn the motives of Lord Avon in the policy he pursued.

They were, as always, honourable and straightforward. He believed as passionately then as he had before the Second World War in the sanctity of international

obligations.

In one oblinary written about him it was said that Lord Ayon's qualities and character were of a different age.

different age.

I wonder (he said). It will be a sad day for this country when good manners, courtesy, and kindness to your juniors—of whom I was proud to be one—is a thing of the past, and when courage, resolution, patriotism and public service are no longer needed. (Cheers.) are no longer needed. (Cheers.)
Lord Byers, Leader of the Liberal peers, said Lord Avon was to many in the thirties an isspiration which they needed, just as were Winston Churchill and Sir Archibald Sinchair. Those who served with him in the House of Commons immediately after the war would remember not only his important contribution to national affairs but his unfailing courage and kindness. Whatever the verdict of history they would remember his courage and insistence in putting country before party in crucial days.

The Bishop of London said that

The Bishop of London said that Lord Avon resigned from the Government in 1938 because he was not prepared to compromise on so essential an issue. Some, irresponsibly he thought, had referred to the Suez incident as the last attempt at gunboat

the last attempt at gunboat diplomacy.

From Lord Avon's words and their inowledge of his personality they knew that for him such motives were far from the truth. Lord Avon had seen the nationodization of the Suez Canal as a challenge to legality as flagrant and as far reaching as Hitler's reoccupation of the Rhineland.

tion of the Rhineland.

Lord Selwyn-Lloyd said any thought that Lord Avon had made decisions at the time of Suez in a fit of impetuosity, without careful feel of the situation, was quite untrue. There had been hours and hours of careful discussion and weighing of the pros and cons.

He sched (he suid) in the cause of peace and the national interest to preserve the rule of law and to ity to see that international obligations were honoured. He held that belief to the end of his life. try to see that international obligations were honoured. He held that belief to the end of his life.

It was quite untrue that Lord Avon was a man incapable of delegation, and he was not a difficult man to work for, although he could be irritable at times and perhaps studied foreign office telegrams for questions of style rather too carefully.

Lord Home of the Hirsel (C) said that as Foreign Secretary Lord Avon was not interested in party division. Quite the contrary, he tried to unite all parties.

Even if (he said) those who write the story of those critical times continue to find against him—and I am by no means sure that they will—they will, if they are just, record that his actions sprang from his complete conviction that the sanctity of international treates freely entered into is the sole foundation for world peace.

Nothing can take away from the courage of the man, the principles of the man, and the public service of the man and I believe his life will be an inspiration to all those who have to try again and again to secure harmony of liting between the potions of this world.

As a mark of respect to Lord Avon's memory the House adjourned at 3.42 pm,

Will she also make clear to the local authorities concerned that if they default on that time limit, she will not hesitate to use her powers under the Education Act to enforce acceptance of comprehensive education and that she intends to give priority in the allocation of financial resources to comprehen-sive reorganization?

sive reorganization?

Mrs Williams (Hertford and Stevenage, Lab)—As the first circular on comprehensive schools was issued as long ago as 1965 there has been a good dead of time for local authorities to consider the matter. I resent the criticism that we are giving them little time to consider it. I have every reason to believe that local authorities will obey the law.

On building allocations, it has been made clear to local authorities that they will be made available for secondary schools only where there are arrangements for comprehensive reorganization to which local authorities have made it clear they have committed themselves.

Mr Madden-Despite vesterday's

welcome trade surplus, is he still dismayed at the level of imports into the United Kingdom? Will he tell the TUC and the directors of the CBI and the Director General of NEDC, an of whom have

eral of Nebc, an or whom have urged selective import controls, that he is prepared to consider this policy, together with a much tougher anti-dumping policy?

Will he take the opportunity at the rumoured national industrial conference and when he visits

major concerns throughout the country to urge action to substi-

Mr Callaghan-I am concerned at

Mr Caliagnan—I am concerned at the level of imports. But if we take the last quarter over the previous quarter they increased I per cent and exports by 5 per cent, a welcome trend. I hope that despite the trends and fashions that people will buy British where-

ever they can. (Cheers).
On selective import controls,

On selective import controls, that is the Government's policy. There are cases which are constantly examined in the multifibre area and elsewhere. We have been examining ways and means of speeding up anti-dumping applications to ensure that they are decided as soon as possible. Mr Robert Adley (Christchurch and Lymington, C)—Will he tell the TUC that many Post Office workers resent the TUC recommendation that they should take industrial action for political reasons? They object because they were not consulted by their

sons? They object because they were not consulted by their unions and want to know why it is that the TUC seems to take these actions against South Africa and never against the dictatorships of the Soviet Union or eastern

Mr Callaghan—It is for the TUC

to ascertain the views of their members and not for me to tell

members and not for me to test
them about such matters. It is
proper and right for the TUC to
be concerned about the organization of trade unionists in South
Africa as everywhere else.

I hope the Opposition will not

News next week

Decisions about the size of the seacher training system which should be retained and proposals for further mergers, closure and other steps to provide the most effective system were to be admonated next week. Mr Gordon Oakes, Minister of State for Education and Science, Indicated.

tion and Science, indicated.

Mr Gwilym Roberts (Cannock, Lab)—There is concern about this not only by teachers but by parents generally. Could be give some undertaking that krespective of the tirth rate, when these cuts have been completed there will be stability in teaching training? Would be consider the difficulties of girls who have been oriented into teach.

who have been oriented into teaching and provide new opportunities for them?

Mr Oakes (Widnes, Lab)-On the

timing, I am aware of the rumours and considerable concern within colleges and the education world generally. That is why we have kept to the timetable. The additional

cement will be made next week.

As for girls, who provide a considerable intake in teacher training, we are aware of this matter and ere looking at other ways in which this valuable source of ability can be used possibly better for

the industrial regeneration of the

Mr John Evans (Newton, Lab)— The publication by the press of lists of colleges threatened with closure has had a damaging effect

Mr Oakes—I deplore the wild statements made, particularly by one national newspaper in which lists of proposed closures were given before the matter had been

considered by me and my fellow ministers at the department.

He said vandalism appeared to be worse in downtown areas of

overcrowding where the incidence of social malaise was at its highest.

or social maisse was at its inguest.

The Bill would make provisions for the collective responsibility of council tenants so as to eliminate vandalism in urban housing areas, it would offer incentives to rekindle neighbourhood responsibility.

Local authorities would be able

Bill on vandalism rejected

Vandalism was costing the country hundreds of millions of pounds a year, Mr Anthony Steen (Liverpool, Wavertree, C) said when he unsuccessfully sought leave to bring in his Elimination of Vandalism (Urban Housing Areas) Bill, munity facilities.

country.

on teacher

training cuts

tute imports?

logic in seeking to dragoon nearly one third of local education authorities into going comprehensive and not giving them the resources with which to do so adequately?

'impudent and ill-advised'

people?

of their own?

Mrs Williams—We are always willing to assist local authorities with advice on their plans and if an authority submit an unsadifactory plan but have the intention of reorganizing we are always willing to sit down and work out with them ways in which their plans might be achieved.

The great bulk of the 41 authorities I have not on this occasion written to are in that position. They intend to reorganize as soon as resources are available for their completion and I am persuaded of their good will.

Mr Norman St John-Stevas, chief

Mr Norman St John-Stevas, chief Opposition spokesman on education (Chelmsford, C)—What is the

Will not the only certain result it clear they have committed themselves.

Will not the only certain result of that policy be to have botched. Will more that in the case of local authorities like the one I represent, who appear to have difficulty in achieving a plan to make the whole of their system comprehensive, she

spend their time on this marter but will join forces with those who wish to see labour in South Africa properly organized and enjoying human dignity.

in the labour and rade union movement will resist any pressure from the dictators within the Scot-tish Football Association who are

trying to force players to play against their will in the Scotland rersus Chile international match in a stadium in Santiago which

has been desecrated by the tor-

ture and murder of many innocent

Mr Callaghan—I know it is not possible to keep the boundary between sport and politics entirely free where these issues are felt so deeply, but I do not expect to be discussing this with the TUC.

Mr Mark Carlisle (Runcorn, C)— When he next meets the TUC will he use his influence to stress to the General Council members that If, as I am sure, they believe in a parliamentary democracy rather than a system of union dictator-ship, they have a responsibility to stress to members that they

stress to members that they should accept the laws of this country rather than encouraging them to disobey them?

Mr Callaghan—The Opposition do not do industrial peace or their own prospects any good by constantly attacking the TUC on these

remote, the day may come when they will have to deal with them in a responsible manuer. On law and order, the Government's policy is well known and will be

Mr James Lamond (Oldham, East. Lab)—Will talks with the TUC on extending the social contract be hindered by the impudent and ill-advised speech of the Duke of

Edinburgh—(Conservative inter-ruptions), and some Labour cheers)—who appeared to be clambering on the band wagon...

The Speaker (Mr George Thomas)

It is the long established custom of this House that we speak with respect of members of the Royal.

steadily sustained.

for part of their area or have not submitted plans in respect of roluntary schools.

Of the 41 authorities to which we have not written, these are authori-ties which have submitted schemes but, because resources have not yet become available, or in some cases because of arguments over legal matters concerning voluntary school trusts, there will be some delay before they can reorganize,

but we have every reason to believe that they introd to do so. Mrs Williams circulated the follow-ing list of authorities to whom letters have been sent: Six authorities required to submit proposals for reorganizing all their remaining selective secondary schools: Bolton, Bromley, Bury, Calderdale, Kent, Lincolnshire.

Twelve authorities required to submit proposals for reorganizing some part of their area where selective schools remain: Berkshire—Slough; Cumbria—Kendal area, Devon—Plymouth and Torbay, Dorset—S/Eastern area (Poole, Bournemouth), East

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Four main Duke of Edinburgh criticized as topics for

Eight regional confere educational issues are to t in February and March, I ley Williams, Secretary of tional policy.

Mrs Williams—I have of the first round of discus educational issues. The

far expressed are being ta are expressed are being to account in the preparatic agenda and background p discussion with a wide i interests at eight region ferences in February and Proposals for further which will be formulated into of these discussions.

Mr Spearing-Some of the debated after the Prime A' initiative have been matter have largely been resolved Are the issues she is going forward in her agenda to b the form of questions and v largely resolved?

Mrs Williams—The four areas of concern that has identified and broadly agree the groups with whem already had preliminary sions, concern the curriculustional standards and asset the training of teachers and tion for working life at relationship with both sindustry. These will be put form of questions to the ferences.

engagement had been made for Mr Bukovsky to be seen by a Foreign Office minister. 'He put off that engagement and a second engagement was then made but he cancelled that because of ill

health.

On the general position, I recognize, as I hope all MPs do, the great pressure under which someone who is released from the atmosphere of the Soviet Union is subject to. Because of that it is highly undesirable that he should be used for party political Mr Skinner (Bolsover, Lab)-He has got no respect for workers. The Speaker—All I am asking for is courteous language. Mr Lamond-Will Mr Callaghan's talks be impeded by speeches, is subject from whatever source, which are in highly impudent and ill-advised enough should be to suggest that we should pay less purposes.

attention to the deprived and underprivileged, which would be contrary to the whole spirit of the social contract forged with the IUC?

Mr Dennis Canavan (West Stirtingshire, Lab)—While congratulating the trade unionists for organizing this boycott against South Africa because of apartheid, will be tell the professional footballers' union that many of us Mr Callaghan—I am not sure how far the Speaker's ruling went but there is no ministerial responsi-bility for speeches by the Duke of Edinburgh. I do not intend to

Edinburgh. I do not intend to assume any.
I do not think such speeches will have an impact, whoever they are made by, on the great understanding between the Government and trade union movement on some of these issues.

During later questions about the Prime Minister's engagements today:

Mr Timothy Renton (Mid Sussex, C)—Will the Prime Minister find time to stop and think about the extension of power of non-parliamentary bodies in Britain during the last week?

What does he think about the fact that the price of a loaf is now to be determined by the bread transfelivery men?

van delivery men? Mr Callaghan—I pause often and think about the relationships between the various power struc-

perween me various power struc-tures in this country. It is a matter which if it is not treated wholly on a party basis should be of concern to us all. I do not intent today to have among my engagements anything to do with

brea-i.

Mr Ian Wrigglesworth (Teesside, Thornaby, Lab)—Regarding question time last Thursday, does the Prime Minister regret the fact that the visit of Mr Bukovsky was used for such blatant party polical purposes and to foster the mistaken impression that many of us in the Labour movement are not strongly in favour of the campaign for further civil liberties in the Soviet Union?

What approaches were made by

What approaches were made by Mr Bukovsky for a meeting and what was the response of the Government towards those approaches?

Mr Callaghan—Last Thursday, when perhaps I was a little unnecessarily irked by the nature of the questions put to me, I overlooked the fact that an engagement had been made for Mr Bukorsky to be coan by a

Mr William van Straubenzee (Wokingham, C)-None of her

predecessors was more successful in securing the resources for rais-ing the school leaving age, and none more dedicated to doing it,

none more dedicated to doing it, than Mrs Margaret Thatcher. Leader of the Opposition, and that whatever else one may say of the argument educationally, would Mrs Williams agree it is surely far too early, educationally, to make scrious suggestions for altering it

yet at any rate ? There is no doubt that the 1966-70 Lebour Government and Mrs Thatcher pursued

with vigour the raising of the school leaving age and in supplying the resources for them. That

the resources for them. That makes it all the more strange that Mrs Thatcher should have chosen the particular front bench spokesman on education that she has, But

School leaving age will not be reduced

While she was Secretary of State for Education, Mrs Margaret Thatcher had played a vigorous part in raising the school leaving age and that made it all the more strange that she should have appointed the front bench spokesman that she had on the subject, but perhaps it was a tribute to her respect for free speech. Mrs Shirley Williams, Secretary of State for Education and Science, commented Education and Science, commented in assuring MPs that she had no intention of lowering it to 14 as had been suggested by Mr Rhodes Boyson, an Opposition spokesman on education.

Mr Bryan Davies (Enfield, North, Lab) had 28ked: How many repre-sentations has she received urging her to reduce the school leaving age to 14 years? Mrs Williams—In the last four months of 1976 the department

months of 1976 the department received two letters urging that the leaving age be lowered to 14 and 29 letters seeking other variations in the leaving arrangements.

Opinica in favour is evidently far from overwhelming, and I have no plans to lower the stautory school leaving age. Indeed, its raising has been of great henefit to many boys and girls, especially in regions where only a small proportion stay on after the compulsory leaving age.

Mr Davies—Does she draw a

leaving age.

Mr Davies—Does she draw a degree of consolation from such a limited response to such an initiative by a front burnch Opposition spokesman on education? Perhaps Mr Boyson could write more frequently himself. (Laughter.)

Would she recounize the British people have no wish to return to the depths of the nineteenth century in terms of educational provision for this country?

Mrs Williams—We are entitled to

on the morale of everyone. Would he ensure that negotiations and discussions are concluded as quickly as possible so that everyone connected with these colleges knows what their future is? sion for this country?

Mrs Williams—We are entitled to
inquire how far the views of Mr
Boyson represent the views of
parents, which he so frequently
cliffus they do, but I, in common
with members of his own party, do
not have to agree with them.

were prepared to spend on repairing vandalism. If, as a result of community efforts, this sum was test than anticipated the surplus would be used to improve community facilities.

Mr Stanley Thorne (Preston South, Lab), opposing the Bill, said council tenants should be more involved in the planning of new estates to produce the sort of housing which would tend to diminish the likelihood of vandalism occurring.

the literature.

ring.
Leave to introduce the Bill was refused by 151 votes to 143—majority against, eight.

that is a tribute, no doubt, to her respect for free speech. (Labour laughter.) laughter.)

Mr Norman St John-Stevas, chief Opposidon spokesman on education (Chelmsford, C)—Surely Mrs Williams must know that the Conservative policy on raising the leaving age—(Labour cries of Which one?") is to keep the leaving age (Labour cries of leaving age (Labour cries of leaving age in principle at 16 but between 15 and 16 to make it more flexible in practice by allowing selected pupils to go om to colleges of further education or to take up apprenticeships?

Why is she attacking Mr Boyson when she is in the matter of standards, with the possible exception of the Prime Minuster, his most distinguished convert? Should she pot have greater respect for her guru?

Mrs Williams—I thought on this

Mrs Williams—I thought on this issue Mr St John-Stevas and I had established a certain bipartisan policy with regard to Mr Boyson, but that is a matter for him to decide.

With regard to the other point, I am aware of Consequence policy.

am aware of Conservative policy, at least I thought I was, but it would require a change in the law.

Why food is free in hospital

Mr Nicholas Winterton (Macclesfield, C) asked the Secretary of Sme for Social Services If he had any plans to charge patients in NHS hospitals for food or accom-

Mr Roland Moyle, Minister Mr Roland Moyle, Minister of State, said in a written reply: No. There would be serious difficulties in introducing such charges. Large numbers of potients would need to be exempted, and there would also be an overlap with existing arrangements for patients receiving social security benefits. Any income would be considerably reduced by the high administrative costs that would be involved.

Education and Science, se asked by Mr Nigel (Newham, South, Lab) wh she had for assessing the to the views expressed in to consultation meetings c

light of these discussions, be published in the for consultative document.

Mrs Williams-The four

Mr Nigel Forman (Sutton, (Mr Nigel Forman (Sutton, (ton, C)— It is important the eight conferences should be than just a public relation cise. To reassure the House point, can she detail the which parental interest and tal concern in these matters taken fully into account? Mrs Williams-Representat the teachers, of parents, c authorities, of trade unio. employers, and of higher a ther education will be inv. the eight conferences to b This will be the first occas which there will have been spread consultation with the fall interests. This is not in to be a public relations exerbone one of its nutromes wi more balanced view of w happening in education. Mr Rhodes Boyson, an Opp spokesman on education (North, C)—There is a risk these conferences are only b

tation that they will represe educational establishment has been in charge while have been static or declining ards. There must be a me-bringing in parents who strong views.

We hope there will be a through, unlike upon the B report which has not yet debated in the House.

Mrs Williams—The area of tation to the conferences go beyond the conventional an educational consultations. I have expected Mr Boyson, ir of the many speeches he has to welcome what the Gover are trying to do.

She said later that the firs ference is to be held in Yew upon Tyne on February 13.

Real growth in spending on education

Mrs Shirley Williams, Secreta State for Education and Sci said she was determined that cation should never carry than its fair share of public s: than its fair share of public s; ing cuts.

She had told Mr Peter I (Rother Valley, Lab) that I estimated that in the present I cial year expenditure on educ in England and Wales but in ing universities for Great Br as a whole, will be about £625C 1976 survey prices. The figur 1971.72 at the same price base £5420m.

Mr Hardy—Despite the dedibirth rate and the talk of sacuts, education should get year and for the rest of the 5t its rather greater provision.

thes rather greater provision support than five or six versions lucal authorities time to act responsibly is confident that all of them will

Mrs Williams-Growth bety the two years I cited was 15.3 cent in real terms, just under the increase in the total scoppulation at 8 per cent, so assumption is correct.

Mr Norman St John-Stevas. opposition spokesman on ed tick (Chelmeford, C)—If she is at 1978-79 she will find tha quarter of the proposed Governent spending cuts are going fall on education.

While we agree on all sides education should take its fair 4 of the cuts with a processing and the cuts will be received. of the curs, this is excessive, about from a Labour Government.

Mrs Williams—A substantial I portion of the curs to come fail on the capital building I gramme, the need for which

Parliamentary notices House of Commons Today at 2.50: Scotland Dill, campalities stage. House of Lords Today at 2.30. Short debate on a depopulation and on one-per landities. Debatable question on individual relations at British Leyland.

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Mr Nicholas Edwards,
m spokesman on Welsh
Pembroke, C) moved the
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highly regrettable that and Wales should be agether in one Bill despite

Government that they produce separate legislacal with the situation in hich was different from cotlandsuggested that, because homent had announced a lim, the House was obliged much which it might indamental disagreement, indamental disagreement, indemental disagreeme

insound. He could see no chy they should be less in their examination the ultimate choice must Kinnock (Bedwellty,

moval of Wales from the ghost of devolution would if the people have the ity, through a referenmake the final decision, a nonsense of devolution and the first wales. uried forever in Wales. ris-I still find it incom-ole how MPs can vote for g with which they pro-disagree. who believed that the

who believed that the proposed was fundamenound had a duty to oppose it their energy.

Bill were to pass they are a second government with sufficient power to taily ineffective the intente United Kingdom Parliat with insufficient power we the economic health of the satisfy anyone who r to satisfy anyone who to change fundamentally tion in Wales.

red that the price for giv-se a greater say in its own ould be that it would have say in the affairs of the mited Kingdom.

resources, but its cost prive the people of hospi-pols, and the social ser-

wyn Hughes (Anglesey, id that Mr Edwards's suld be summed up in the ds "no change"; and o words had landed the tire Party in trouble over . It was a lack of imagina-

oposals in the Bill were in Wales when compared proposals for Scotland. In to Wales they were not a

d Renton (Huntingdon-said the Bill's provisions usprint for confusion and they did no service to the Putnsy, Lab) said Westminster retained more control than almost any other such centre in the world, The Bill was a step towards genting rid of some of the decision-making opie by asking them even er this incomprehensible ch of overlapping and g responsibilities. It was iment to them to say in Here is a dog's dinner of

n-eat it or do not touch please." Morris, Secretary of State Address, Secretary of State

(Aberavon, Lab) said he
d the critics to say what
d do. But they had only a
sy, half-baked proposals,

one to increase the was a typical Tory They had everything to u democracy and loved i bodies because the

pomination was their of keeping their in-Jovernment's proposals

epen and extend democ-Vales and the Tories had cted by the Welsh people. en the Government bad hold one, wish to deprive h of the right to express w. If there was no Bill Wates there could be no

to concede that Wales should have the power to act as a nation. That was the point at which they were slipping now. That was why they sought to wreck this Ball in relation to Wales.

They were prepared to pay lip service to Welsh nationhood but as far as they could they would do everything they could to obstruct Wales from any power of choice, any power of initiative. Mr Donald Anderson (Swansea. Eest, Lab) said that he would not support wrecking amendments. tm. Tory proposal was to n the Weish Office. The ffice had acquired new and the problem was how the description of the control ase democratic control exercise of those funcexercise of those functie Tory record was poor
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he nor his colleagues themselves as having a y of wisdom in a constitu-asure of this sort. overnment would listen to se. If the argument was ig they would agree to
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n Wales, long before their in to the Welsh Office. pening words of the Bill peting words of the Mile ear that the Government r the unity of the United L. They rejected separation the posture of separate d, separate army and havy trate economy which were in the views of the Football

The whole of Wales knew the

Mr Emlyn Hooson (Montgomery-shire, L) said that the Bill had many deficiencies but it was the

only Bill they had. The amendment would deny the people of Wales the serious debate in depth which was needed. The Opposition approach was an unacceptable pro-

centre.

Sir Raymond Gower (Barry, C'said people in Wales feared that the Bill could be the beginning of

ment.

If MPs threw out Wales before the referendum devolution would

to distract the people of Wales from the main matters of concern

which were economic affairs and social deprivation.

For years to come the constitu-tionalists and the vested innerests in devolution would continue to

Government saying that the Bill was being wrecked because the movers of the amendment know

process which constipated the Government and which should reside in Scotland and Wales. But

he was against a referendum because experience had shown that on such constitutional matters

had been an advance from the time not long ago when Wates for them was no more than a geographical expression.

What they had never done was to concede that Wales should have

and without the kind of deep exa-

Rebuilding has long way to go at **Everton**

SPORT.

Government's commitment and when they were given the opportunity which the amendment sought to deny, they would endorse the Government's propo-By Norman Fox Everton 1 Bolton Wanderers 1 Troubled Everton, managerless and looking for something on which to rebuild, are by no means sure of brightening their season by reaching the League Cup final. In their semi-final round, first leg tie, at Goodison Park last leg be, at Goodison Park last night, they came across the deter-mined second division opposition of Bolton Wanderers, who only equalized two minutes from the end, but suggested enough in a second half that they dominated, to put doubt in Everton's minds. the Bill could be the beginning of the slippery slope. It was not that they did not want any kind of devolution; the fear was max within the Bill there was possibly the beginning of a movement to separate Wales from the rest of the United Kingdom.

Mr Neil Kinnock (5edwelty, Lab) said that he was profoundly against the Bill but would vote against the Conservative amendment. to put doubt in Everton's midds. Though only a little of Everton's concern for the present and future percolated through to the crowd of over 50,000, some of it came to light early in their play, notably in defence, where hesitancy endangered them without the seasonal excuse of a poor foothold. Conditions were good, at least for playing. The spectators buttoned down in the grip of a cutting, snow-threatening wind. For a time Everton's attacking warmed them, but the defenders too frequently brought uncertoo frequently brought uncer-

continue to be a cuming sore in Wales. Devolution would sup-parate all over the Labour move-ment in Wales. It would continue Several times McKenzie dodged and swerved elusively in Bolton's penalty area, and he was the night's most eloquent performer. His close ball control was clearly superior to all-comers, but it was his header that, deservedly because of the early flow of play, took Everton ahead after a little over half an hore Goodlass not a in devolution would continue to prate about the need for devolution even though there was not a single major deficiency in Welsh life and not a single major problem of the Welsh economy that was going to be touched by devolution or any of the proposals in the Bill.

Without the opportunity for a referentium those who tried to connect the establishment of a mini-parliament in Cardiff and the resolution of the chronic anguish of Wales would continue to market the lunary that by having a constitutional change they could meet the political and economic crisis.

Mr Enoch Powell (South Down, UUUC) said it was no good the Government saying that the Bill over half an hour. Goodlass put a over half an hour. Goodlass put a corner to a vacant spot in the penalty area and McKenzie rushed into it and headed low for what seemed an easily taken opportunity, but was only seen as such by this most enterprising player. Bolton's contribution disappointed until they revived towards the end of the game. They effectively raided Everton's penalty area no more than four times in area no more than four times in the first half and although Reid, Whatmore and Taylor were obviously players of ability, their chances were limited. The best that could be said of their overall



McDonagh, the Bolton goalkeeper, makes a despairing attempt to reach McKenzie's header

play in the early stages was that they were composed under pres-sure and this was the key to their

which gave Everton the lead.

second half recovery.

All the time McKenzie seemed aloof to the Cup-tie atmosphere as he coolly held the hall in his magnetic control and provided Latchford with some openings that were not seen as quickly as they were conceived. So Everton failed to capitalize on his ideas or the slower and more predictable, combined efforts of his colleagues. Bolton could make only staggered progress until well into the second half when, with the snow falling, they attacked more fluently and began to show something of the attractive football on which they have built such a good reputation have built such a good reputation this season. Yet it seemed it would

dron, gave Nicholson the chance to try a shot at an open far side of goal, but he put the ball a yard wide. In terms of really threatening attacks that, apart from the equalizing goal at the last gasp was the sum of their efforts, but their work counted for much

Whatmore and Taylor gained more position and over the fidal 10 minutes Everton were forced

Everton's defence had more worrying moments, but they were never really completely out of control. One high pass from Paul Jones dropped into the penalty area at the feet of Greaves, but he failed to bring it down and later the Bolton substitute, Walter the Bolton substitute, Walter the great of the penalty area; too When Lawson, the Everton goal-keeper, broke up Bolton's last effort, he carried the ball towards the edge of the penalty area; too far, according to the referee, who gave a free kick. Morgan, who had a fine game, tapped the ball to one side and Whatmore closed in to curi a shot through the group of defenders and past the offending

Yesterday's

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FA Cup, Third Round,

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HOCKEY: Women's match: Southampton University 5. Southers 5.

Today's fixtures

Buckley 5,323

When thousands missed a treat

movers of the amendment knew that if it were to be carried and it was necessary to start again with a separate Bill for Wales, the Welsh Bill and possibly this Bill could nor be got through both Houses in this session. That did not lie in the mouth of the Government. They were the people who controlled parliamentary time. Birmingham C 3 Arsenal 3
Arsenal took their unbeaten run
to 10 league matches at St
Andrews last night, but they had parliamentary time.

Everyone knew that genuite local government in Wales was going to be crushed and squashed if ever the provisions in this Bill came into force. What sort of administrative devolutions or a to stage a wonderful recover; to save a point in a game that was a fine advertisement for the Fourball League. The only pity was that the crowd was Birmingham's smallest league gate of the seasous. With Erangle on one side and land. came into force. What sort of administrative devolution, or at any rate democratic administrative devolution, was it which devolved to an elected body which had no power of taxation?

If Wales (he said) is taken out of this Bill I assure We'sh members, Plaid Cymru or not, that they are losing nothing that would last. They are losing only the opportunity to be involved in what will, I hope sooner than later, prove a contradictory and impossible legislative fiasco. Even 35 a Welshman I say "Out with Wales". smallest league gare of the season. With Francis on one side and Hodson on the other, it promised to be worth watching and those who stayed away missed a treat. Leading places in the first division are:

P W D L F A Pts Liverpool 24 14 5 5 40 22 33 Ipswich 21 13 6 2 41 19 32 Manchest'r C 21 9 10 2 28 16 28 Arsenal .22 10 7 5 41 33 27 Middlesbrgh 22 10 6 6 19 29 26 Arsenal made most of the early running, but for all their neat possession play they seldom threatened to score. Sirmingham break and it was no surprise when the offside trap and a tackle. The second goal, also scored by record goal, also scored by Francis, followed a marvellous run down the right touchline by Jones which left Nelson floundering. The Arsenal full back made

amends just before half time when he picked up a deft back heel by Hudson and centred right on to Macdonald's head. This goal was no less than the visitors deserved and one had to admire the way there continued to along the page. they continued to play through-out, accurate and patient football even when behind, even when behind,
Within six minutes of the restart, Birmingham restored their
two-goal margin. As Francis
lonbed the ball over his head. O'Leary put up his left hand and the referee, Mr Reynolds, had no hesitation in pointing to the penalty spot. Francis sent Rimmer the wrong way to complete his "treble" and take his season's

Arsenal strove hard to get back into the same and Latchford came to Birmingham's rescue twice in less than a minute. He foiled Brady near a post and raced to the dear of the same and the

rob Macdonald. Hereabouts, both sides were playing well and the crowd were being entertained by a succession of fast intelligent moves, which could easily have led to a hatful of goals. But in a game in which the emphasis was on attack both deferves performed attack both defences performed

ingham when Ross hit a screaming volley, but with 15 minutes to go Macdonald burst through after a free kick at the other end for doubtful offside decision and it was all to play for once more. was an to play for once more. With six minutes to go, Macdonald was on the spot again to force home a Ross chip and we embarked on a thrilling final phase with both sides looking for the winner they deserved. That neither managed to get it was justice because they both deserved some reward for their efforts.

BIRMINGHAM CITY: D. Laichford Page, M. Rainbone, H. Kendall, J.

break and it was no surprise when they scored twice in five minutes into the same and Latchford came into the same into the same and Latchford came into the same into the same and Latchford came into the same into the sam

people voted conservatively for Mr Gwynfor Evans (Carmarthen, Pl Cymru) said what the Conse. va-tives were teiling the Weish people was that they could not be trusted was that they could not be trusted as Weish people to decide what was best for them. He did not think the Tories had ever denied they knew what was best for people in Wales.

The Conservatives now conceded that Wales was a nation. Their acceptance of Weish nationhood had been at a warne from the time.

Villa in their League Cup semi-final.

"Both sides can play attractive, attacking football and are capable of scoring plenty of goals," said Mr Sexton, obviously relishing the first leg at Loftms Road tonight. Villa's danger man is Andy Gray, the League's leading scorer with 22 goals this season. "Gray is obviously good in the air, but you could not wish to have two better men than Frank McLintck and Dave Webb to contend with him in that department," said Mr and Dave Webb to contend with him in that department," said Mr Seven Sexton.
"They also have a problem in

stopping Stan Bowles, Don-Girens, and Don Masson," he pointed out. Rangers, the first third division club to win the League Cup when

Nottingham F 6

High scoring forecast in Cup semi-final Dave Sexton, the Queen's Park they beat West Bromwich Albion Rangers manager, forecast two high-scoring clashes with Aston Villa in their League Cup semi-Tonenham on Japuary 11, with the final. Thomas had his first outing last

night, for the reserves against loswich, since fracturing a cheek bone early lest month.

Ron Saunders, who led Villa to their second League Cup triumph. against Norwich at Wembley two years ago, has included the young midfield player, Gordon Cowans, in his squad of 15. Cowans, who sampled League football for the first time against Rangers in September when he was substitute, was pulled out of Feeland's north was pulled out of England's youth squad vesterday as cover if Crop-ley is unfit.

Cropley and Gidman both trained yesterday and Mr Saunders is

optimistic about their chances of playing in a full-strength side.

The postponement of Villa's game with Manchester Chy last Saturday gave the two players—Gidman has a knee injury and Cropley a groin strain—a few extra days in which to overcome their injuries.

Rosson, their midfield player, has recovered from a knee injury

Ronson, their midfield player, has recovered from a knee injury and is in the Blackpool team for tonight's re-arranged third round Cup replay at Derby.

The manager, Allan Brown, said: "The postponement of the game yesterday has enabled Ronson to have intensive treatment to clear up fluid on the knee."

So Blackpool will field the side which lost 1—0 last Saturday. The state of the ground will decide whether McEwan or Tong is paned

whether McEwan or Tong is named

Rick-off 7.30, unless stated.

LEAGUE CUP: Semi-final round (first leg): Queon's Park Hangers v Asion Villa.

FA CUP: Third round replay: Derby County v Blackgool.

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RUGBY UNION: Cambridge University va Ref. (2.30): Globocser v Army (7.0): Leicestor v Royal Navy (7.15:: Lydney v Pontypridd (7.0): Rosslyn Pagersoniative match: RAP or Cambridge University va Chem. Lane.

2.30). London Longue: Oxford University v Teddington (2.50).

Charltons to lead tour by all-stars

Bobby Charlton and his brother, Jack. who belped England win the World Cup in 1966, will lead and play in an all-star team on a tour of the world's emerging football nations near summer.

Cross-country

Simmons gives up attempt at his third title

which he picked up on his return from Brazil, where he competed in the New Year's Eve Sao Paulo round-the-houses race.

"I was hoping for the hartrick, but there is no way I can win the race this time", said Simmons, one of Britain's out-

past two years, it would be an anti-climax just to cruise round the course. You need to have two good warm-up races for an event of this standard, and finished 30th good enough preparation." Simmons will now concentrate

on regaining his top fitness in time to challenge for the English cham-pionship and the international championship, in which he was second last winter.

Motor racing

Policeman fails to recognize Hunt

Sao Paulo, jan 18.--James Hunt, of Britain, the world motor racing champion, almost spent last night behind bars when a policeman found him driving withonr a licence. He was driving a car lent by the organizers of next Sunday's Brazilian Grand Prix, and his name was emblazoned across the car.

evidently knew nothing of the world champion. Hunt's dilemma was resolved at a local police station, where he was imme-diately recognized and offered apologies. Before leaving the Englishman signed autographs.— Agence France-Presse.

Rugby Union

Discrepancy between sentences blatant

Rugby Correspondent Geoffrey Wheel, the Swansea lock forward sent off by Norman Sanson for throwing a punch dur-ing the Wales-Ireland international ast Saturday, will know tomorrow, when the Welsh union disciplinary when the Weish union disciplinary committee consider his case, whether he will be available for his country's key game in Paris on February 5. The Irish No 4. William Duggan, who was sent off at the same time for retaliation, was given only a fortnight's suspension by a hastily convened meeting of the Irish union, and is eligible for selection against Engeligible for selection against Eng-land in Dublin on the same day. The mildness of the sentence on

The mildness of the sentence on Duggan must have raised eye-brows, particularly among mem-bers of the Scottish Rugby Union, whose disciplinary committee re-cently banned one of their players for more than a season and a half for more than a season and a half—admittedly for what looked on television to be frightful violence—and the victim of it, Gordon Brown, for three months. Brown's reaction, in what seemed to be a fit of uncontrollable rage, was to hurl his assailant to the ground and then to put the boot in. I imagine that it was his last action, whatever sympathy may have been felt for him, that cost Brown so dearly.

dearly.

Brown arguably is the best allround lock in the home countries.

So the Scottish union's decision,
which effectively will have put
him out of the championship this
eeason—unless an appeal by his season—unless an appeal by his club, West of Scotland, for a reduction of the sentence is up-held—was not made out of selfinterest. It cannot have been an easy one to take, but it concerned their determination to deal firmly with foul play, by whomsoever

committed. Just what Duggan did in Cardiff was not easy to detect on the evidence of television, but Wheel's punch on Stewart McKinney was plain for all, including the armchair spectators, to see, and Mr Sanson, an outstanding referee with a world-wide reputation, had no hesitation in dispatching both offenders. Since then he has had

to endure criticism, publicly expressed by Irish and Welsh officials, not only about the sending off but even, in one instauce, about his handling of the game overall. Referees deserve better support than this. More happily, Philip Bennett, the new Welsh captain, wisely and properly declined to comment on the inci-

That distinguished former Welsh international, Wilfred Wooller, who expresses his views robustly (and, as a critic and spectator, is wholly entitled so to do in matters of this sort), has likened the pro-ceedings to a vicar's garden party, as compared with what he recalls of the Irish games of yesteryear. None the less, there seems to be a blatant discrepancy between the sentences imposed on Brown and Duggan, even after allowance is made for the different circum-stances. At least Brown was minding his own (violent) business. It looked as if Duggan was fighting someone else's war.

It is not just Scotland who will be awaiting with interest the Welsh union's verdict on Wheel. But he is fortunate in one respect,

But he is fortunate in one respect, in that two previous suspensions (when playing for his club) occurred more than three years ago, and will not now be taken into account.

Whatever happens, Wales seems to have anxieties enough in the area of their back five. It seems unlikely that Trevor Evans, who dislocated a shoulder last Saturday, can be fit for the French game. No doubt Terry Cobner will return on a flank, and a place will be found for Derek Quinnell, who replaced Evans against Ireland. If Wheel is barred. Quinnell could take over at lock. land. If Wheel is barred. Quinnell could take over at lock.
The restoration of Cobner will
not, however, solve Welsh lineout
problems at the tail, and the giant
figure of Bastiat, the French No 8,
casts its shadow before. Not to
mendon the activities of his henchmen on the fringes, Rives and
Skrela. No country in the world
can match this loose trio combination and Wales, without Mervyn
Davies, seem less able to do so
than most.

McFarland shows class in rough and ready tie

Ring's Conege beat Guy's by five penalty goals and a try to a try in a rough and ready sort of Hospitals Cup rugby match at Honor Oak Park yesterday. Their opponents in the second round at Chisiehurst a week tomorrow will be Westrington, who beat them at

after a punch up, Challacombe, one of Guy's lock forwards, was carried off with a fractured cheek-bone, and Palmer took his place. Then, midway through the second half. Hagan, their other lock, was ordered off for punching. But when every allowance is made for these misfortunes, the fact remains that Guy's did not play really well enough to win. really well enough to win.

King's did. Their forwards were King's did. Their forwards were quick and enthusiastic, McFarland not for the first time, showed himself to be a scrum half of quality, and their backs looked a likelier lot than Guy's. Most important of all, as it turned out, McFarland kicked five penalties for King's, whereas Hughes and Owen between them missed six for Guy's, three of them easy—

King's were the better side.

By Gordon Allan

King's College 19

Guy's 4

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Out scored for King's when

a Guy's pass flew accurately to Board, one of King's centres, who was almost clear at the time in Guy's half. Finally, McLauchlan scored for Guy's after a break by Wilkinson, Guy's were left wondering whether they had been wise to play three matches in four days. But they admitted that King's were the better side.

Siberian outlook | Cambridge elect threatens cup tie at Wakefield

Wakefield, who reached the semi-final round last season, can see little hope of the first round John Player Cup-tie against Leicester being played at the third attempt on Saturday. A spokesman for the club, Robin Foster, said yesterday: "Our ground is frozen hard under a good four inches of snow and one end of the ground is solid ice where we had a 24-hour thaw last week. "We are going ahead with "We are going ahead with arrangements but unless the weather in Yorkshire relents. I cannot honestly see any way the game will be played. It looks like Siberia." But although their own pitch is snow and ice bound. Wakefield's players got useful practice last week when they beat Manchester University 61—6 on a perfect surface on the other side of the Pennines.

Hignell to his second captaincy

Alastair Hignell, England's rughy full back, yesterday achieved adother milestone in his illustrious sporting career. The 21-year-old Cambridge University double Blue has been appointed captain of the Cambridge XV for next season. He had already been chosen to lead the university cricket XI in 1977.
Hignell, an outstanding schools

cricketer and rugby player, is believed to be the first to hold both captaincies at the same time. While at Denstone College, Hig-nell, an RAF officer's son, played for England schools cricket team and captained the England schools rugby team from scrum half. He has won six full international caps at rugby and last season demonstrated his cricket ability at county level with a century for Gloucestershire against the West Indians. He scored 1,140 runs last season at an average of 30.81.

Middlesex game leads to many changes by clubs

Middlesex's county champion-ship semi-final match against Smithers made his deput against Warwickshire at Richmond has Moseley. Sanders returns in place of the centre Croydon, also on resulted in wholesale team changes for London clubs on Saturday. resulted in wholesale team changes for London clubs on Saturday. London Scottish, who move up the road to play London Welsh at Old Deer Park, lose their captain and centre Friell, who is also the Middlesex captain, and their international halves Wilson and Lawson. On the credit side Donald Macdonald makes bis debut as does Blyth at scrum-half. Steele and McHarg return from interand McBarg return from inter-

Harlequins, who play the RAF at Twickenham, also lose three players to the county, the wing hambert, the scrum-half Rawle, who is a reserve, and the flanker Alexander. Burroughs comes in for Lambert, Winship replaces Rawle and Surton is in for Alexander. Barratt has still not re-covered from a shoulder injury and Jackson continues to deputize. Richmond are playing Waterlov at 12,30 before the county match and will be without the locks Ralston and Hess. They are replaced by Humphreys and Slagter, who will be making his first team debut.

Ausden, a tight head prop, who has joined Saracens from Ful-lerians, makes his first appearance for them at Bath because Mc-Gregor is playing for Middlesex. Saracens paraded another Ful-

changes, Stevens is at No 8 in place of Riddle, who is unavail-able, and Holden, ill last week, able, and Holden, ill last week, comes into the second row in place of Morris.

Wasps, who play Sale, will lose their full back Richards and their hooker Bignell to Middlesex. But before then, they face Rosslyn Park at Rochampton tonight and take the opportunity to play Simmons against his former club. They also welcome back French, an England reserve last Saturday. Rosslyn Park will be without Rosslyn Park will be without their new England centre, Kent,

who cannot get away from hospital duties at Oxford. Treseder switches to the centre with B2125 at full back. The captain, Keith-Roach, is unavailable and Smith deputizes. Scott is at No 8 as Epley is preparing for als wed-ding in Austria on Saturday and Bignell replaces the flanker Mordell, who was concussed in training last week, and is resting be-

fore the county semi-final.

London Irish against the Army at Sunbury will be without Parfrey who is a Middlesex reserve and Jones, out for four weeks with a dislocated shoulder. Leper is on the wing in place of Parfrey and Webster comes in on the flank for Jones.

Waldron cannot spare the time

Oille Waldron, a former Irish and helped the club to success forward, retired yesterday from last season in the Leinster Senior rugby only a few weeks after playing in an Irish trial. Waldron, aged 33, an Oxford Blue, has played three times for Ireland, twice in the second row and once as prop.

He has been playing for Frinity

College for the past two seasons for two years.

at Twickenham in 1965 and 1967

and was captain of London Irish
for two years.

last season in the Leinster Senior Cup. Waldron, who is studying for a law degree at Trinity said for a law degree at Trimity said he did not have the time to continue playing.
Waldron played twice for Oxford
at Twickenham in 1965 and 1967

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against the amendment. He would not support wrecking amendments. The final say should be with the people of Wales. His attitude to a guillotine motion would depend on the timing. If the Leader of the House was jumping the gun he would not support it, but if the Bill was in a morass he was likely to support such a proposal. Mr Alfred Evans (Caerphilly, Lab's said the Government got them-Rees (Dover and Deal, ays that the referendum are to be put to the it the earliest possible. Are we to take it that the lat will be put down which said the Government got them-selves on to a hook by promising some kind of devolution too lightly mination that was needed.

Mr Ian Grist (Cardiff, North, C)
said the onus was on the Government to show that the change next or does he mean that ause will be introduced at

would bring about an improvement but they had falled even to try to do this. Assemblies would damage ris No decision has yet en. This matter is under the faith of the people in democracy and further estrange them from representative institutions because these bodies would not answer their real needs, desires and demands.

Mr Leo Abse (Postypool, Lab)

said that the Bill was inimical to Wales, and a placatory gesture to nationalism, it was repugnant to everything that belonged to dem-ocratic international socialism. The Leader of the House had been a passionate instructor to all MPs on the sovereignty of Parlia-ment and insisted that they must on Thursday.
Thust examine the details. protect at all costs the sovereignly of the Commons. No one had in-sisted more upon the supremacy of

Parliament than Mr Foot.
Now they had a Bill which in practice would meen that for Welsh. MPs half of their work would be taken away and handed over to assemblymen over a wide range of matters. It would not be sible for an MP representing a Weigh constituency to question ministers because the matters would be dealt with in the Cardiff

assembly.

The guardian of the Commons presented MPs with a proposition that they should acquiesce in having half their work taken away. d, separate army and navy trate economy which were in the views of the st parties.

In the views of the said any on that our proposals are come in Wales and were come come in wales and were considered to political enducing reduced to political e

Rovers' Cup dream ends in nightmare Bristol R 0 Erian Clough's cup battlers hit Bristel Rovers with five goals after the interval in their second thirdround FA Cup replay at Villa Park. Forest held a slender 1—0 half-time lead through a goal by Woodcock after Bowyer's shot had struck the post.

to overrun the opposition and, after Woodcock had hit the woodwork, Anderson and O'Hare completed a nightmare defeat for Rovers. All this came after a after clever work on the left wing by Robertson. Withe grabbed the third with a fine header and

Woodcock after Bowyer's shot had struck the post.

Rovers, who had forced 1—1 draws in two previous encounters, were swamped by a goal avalanche which started with a brilliant 20yd left-foot drive from Bowyer and the started with a brilliant work on the left wing. Rovers. All this came after a promising first-half spell by Bristol when Stamforth shot just over after Williams had gone narrowly wide from 30 yards.

Freeman and, although be on until Lincoln were 40 up, he was badly handicapped.

Portsmouth 2
Portsmouth staged a spirited comeback after being two goals down in 25 minutes to the promotion-seeking Mansfield Town. Moss opened the scoring with a fierce 25 yard drive in the fourth minute, and Miller added a second soon afterwards with a shor that went in off a post.

Woodcock slipped in quickly afterwards to hir number four in the sixty-first minute.

Despite losing Lloyd, a dominant defensive figure, Forest continued

whelmed Walsall in the second half of their third division match last night. Fleming, the substitute, was injured soon after replacing Freeman and, although he played

Lincoln 4 Walsall I Lincoln City, reduced to 10 fit men after the interval, over-

Hockey West justify the hopes

of their supporters By Joyce Whitehead

After being a goal down in the first five minutes West went on to heat East at Canford School, near Wimborne, yesterday in the women's territorial buckey cham-propship. It was West's first win in the series for three and a half seasons, and by half-time, with a lead of 2—1, they gave their sup-porters great hopes which they justified with three more goals in the second half the second half.

The match, played on the hard court pitch in the beautiful surroundings of the boys' public school, started at a fest From the bully, East went into the attack and Celia Sinclair stored with a superb short. East looked extremely confident but West recovered and were soon capable not only of bolding the fast and skilful East forwards but also of giving support to their own attack. West played as a team and seldom lett gaps. Janet Edwards's marking of Mrs Sin-clair near West's circle foiled many of East's attacks. East's captain, Valerie Robson, was by far the most skilful player on the pitch. She was tireless in defence, and a constant source

of danger in attack but too often there was a wide gap between the

were good goals, particularly the second which finished off a splendid passing movement started by the defence. Jane Walsh and Susan Slocombe, always active, scored a goal each in the second half and both teams scored from passing croles. penalty strokes.

This match the first in the

English selectors' request it may yet be played elsewhere. West play Midlands at Bourton-on-the-Water in the Cotswolds on Saturday (2.15), and the match West B v Midlands B has been arranged for Saturday morning at Chorlion Park School, in Cheltenham, starting at 11.15.

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UMPIRES: M. Eyre and C. Bryant.

East defence and their forwards
East 2 and the defence itself lacked Vanessa Kear, West's inside-left, Simmons has been troubled by

> series of 10 set a high standard of play. Tomorrow's match be-tween North and South has been cancelled at Leeds, but at the English selectors' request it may

Tony Simmons, champion for standing cross-country runners in the past two years, has pulled out of the inter-counties cross-country championships, at Western Park. Leicester, on Saturday, because of

chest pains, following a heavy cold

He had only his Formula One Drivers' Association membership card to show the policeman, who

Cricket



Amarnath at short leg catches Lever off Chandrasekhar, Amiss is the other batsman.

Underwood's wickets virtually clinch the Test series

Cricket Correspondent Madras, Jan 18

With wickets with both the last two balls of the Cay. Underwood more or less clinched the third Test match and therefore the scries, for England here this even-ing. Needing 284 to win India were reduced suddenly to 45 for arce, which, with Vengsarkar un-kely to but again, is the equiva-ent of 45 for four. Except when Bedi, the Indian

captain, was dragging out his overs, we had a proper day's cricket again, which was a relief after Sunday's slow morch. England, in their second innings, declared at 185 for thine after taking things, a triffe countly. It was tnings a trifle casually. It was the declaration of a side that sees little chance of defeat, though in fact they were glad enough of a wicket when Gavaskar, having batted for 90 minutes, was out

with 20 minutes left.

Vengsarkar had had a bone broken in the back of a hand with by a hall from Willis, early in India's innings but Gavaskar and Amarnath were looking like keeping India's hopes of survival, even of victory, alive until tomorrow when Underwood legan his fourth over. It was off the fifth ball of this that Gavaskar was caught by Woolmer standing square to the wicket at short leg.

Amarnath and Viswanath got through to the last over entrusted to Underwood. I doubt whether there is anyone in the world, even the fastest of the fast bowlers whom Greiz would rather have had bowling it for him. Underwood has never for a moment been mastered in this series. With his wonderful control he gives the batsmen no respite; his probing keeps them constantly on edge especially on as unpredictable a pitch as this. A pitch with bounce in it too, as Chandrasekhar had found to his advantage. It was course of surprise.

caught like Gavaskar at short leg possibly off the glove. Prasanna, coming in to protect one of the few remaining batsmen, fell at once, well caught at first slip by Brearley.

. Having started the day at 44 for one, England were 135 for six at lunch. This was India's best session since the first morning of the first Test match. Now as then Chandrasekhar had a lot to do with it. India rely for penetration upon Chandrasekhar and he has treat were of the series. tration upon Chandrasekhar and he has speut most of the series bowling too short. Today he found a fuller length and bowled a better line. With the odd ball lifting quite steeply he was back to his best which as England know well enough is formidable. At 54 he had Lever caught at short leg, at 33 Amiss was also caught there off bat and pad, at the same score Randall was well taken at the wicket trying to run Chandrasekhar down to third man; at 124 Brearley was bowled hooking at a long hop. In 12 overs this morning Chandrasekhar had taken four for 29 when he bowled

Yet because of the way the statement is worded ("a certain extent of one side of the ball did contain Vaseline deposits and had more shine than the other... the committee is unable to come to a continuous to

come to a conclusion as to whether the intentions of the howler were deliberate or not "), anyone who chooses to do so can read into it a doubt as to England's motives. Rather than accepting the statement as he did. Mr

Barrington should have demanded an anology from Bedi, who is said unofficially to have admitted that he never intended a serious

MCC might have got an apology

make sure of a tea interval. Ideally he would probably have preferred a few more runs but unless he had closed the innings

unless he had closed the innings by half past two tea would have had to be taken straightaway. That would have meant a long hot evening in the field. With seven hours 20 minutes left, India were relieved of the need to hurry to win but the ball was turning and the bonnce was still uneven. Although Chandrasekhar and Prasanna had done them well today, India's batsmen had little reason to be confident. Only once in their last 11 innings against England have they made as many 85 284.

ENGLAND: First innings: 202 (J. M. ES 284.

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Second Innings

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J. M. Brearley, b. Chandrasokhar

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Total (for 9 wits dec) . 185
FALL OF WICKETS: 1—39, 2—54,
3—83, 4—83, 5—124, 6—135, 7—
141 8—169, 9—180,
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From John Woodcock
Madras, Jan 18
What is known as the Indian Cricket Board's tour committee. Comprising the Maharaja of Baroda (chairman), R. P. Mehra, president of the Indian Board of Control, M. A. Chidambaram, the board's treasurer, and S. K. Wankhade, by whose patronage the new stadium in Bombay was built, made the following statement here this evening on the John Lever affair:

"The tour committee met this afternoon and went through all the evidence placed before them and came to the following concontaining Vaseline was used by the bowler over his eyebrows; B, According to the reply given by the England Capitain (Tony)

To anyone as certain as I am that Bedi has a great deal more to answer for than MCC this is certain as I am that Bedi has a great deal more to answer for than MCC this is to an display at the ground today, and the atmosphere there whenever an indication of hom that Lever could have been treated from the Lever would have been treated for what is was worth, which was love the previous evening the previous evening when they thought the umprise and th roday we had chearer lever go home. Tony Greig down down"; "Lever, don't cheat"; "MCC, don't be greasy" and, more elaborately, "True, with Vaseline ball keeps its shine. Lever bowl true if you have spine."

when Lever went out to bat this morning—he had come in as nightwatchman on Sunday even-ing—the crowd made their own There are seven English-trained entries for the Erin Foods Champion Hurdle, to be run over two miles at Leopardstown on February 19. They are Night Nurse, Birds Nest, Comedy of Errors, Strombolus, Peterhof, Rathconrath and The Bo-Weevil. unfriendly noises. This evening when he fielded on the third man boundary he had an emoty bottle thrown at him. Soon afterwards, when he bowled, the noises started when he bowled, the noises started up again.

To take the heat out of the thing the need was obvious either for an apology from Bedi or an unequivocal statement by the Indian board of the kind that I believe some of them had in mind.

Miss Lennox out Avril Lennox, the British gym-nastics champion, has withdrawn

Skiing

Mrs Moser sprains shoulder hurtling into deep snow

the evidence placed before them and came to the following conclusion: A. A piece of gause containing Vaseline was used by the bowler over his eyebrows: B. According to the reply given by the England captain (Tony Greig) to the umpires, it was apparently used to prevent sweat from trickling into the bowler's eyes: C. According to the lab reports, a certain extent of one side of the ball did contain Vaseline deposits and had more

Vaseline deposits and had more shine than the other." The statement concluded: "The

committee is anable to come to the conclusion as to whether the intentions of the bowler were deliberate or not, and the com-

deinerate or not, and the committee decides to pass on all the
information to the MCC."

In reply Ken Barrington, the
MCC manager, thanked the Board
of Control and Bishen Bedi, the
Indian captain, for "accepting
our explanation that this was not
a direct infringement of the laws
of the rame."

Schruns, Jan 18.—Bernadette Zurbriggen, of Switzerland, won the World Cup downhill race here today, her task made easier by by the fact that the World Cup leader, Annemarie Moser (Austria), veered off the trail and hurtled into the new snow lining the course, she sprained her left shoulder. Evi Mittermaier (West Germany) was second in 1min 23.85sec.

It was the fifth downhill victory in Mics Zurbriggen's carner, but her first this season. It also marked the first Swiss downhill victory since Doris de Agosthi won in Badgastein, Austria, last year. The course was 2,215 metres long, with a vertical drop of Sidnetres.

The downhill had been schaduled for Monday, but there had been a clash among some of the siders, their coaches, the organizers and the reoresentative of the Internation (FIS). Erich Demetz, of Iraly, who accused the skiers of having staged a strike.

The skiers agreed after this a(ternoon that the decision not to held the race as scheduled was right. The conditions today were good. Miss Zurbriggen, said: "I was in trouble, but I managed to recain my balance and then skied as fast as I could."

Miss Mittermaier, sister of Rosi, a double Olympic champion, was asked if she was trying to match

Mushtaq

England says

strong for

Sydney, Jan 18.—Pakistan required only one hour to complete the humiliation of Austrialia in the third and final Test match here today. It was Pakistan's first Test win in Australia. The Australians were all out without adding to their overnight total of 180 for nine and this left Pakistan an easy target of 32.

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They truised to an eight-wicket victory, losing the wickets of Sadiq Mohammad and Zaheer Abbas, with two days and a half to spare. Pakistan, who have not beaten Austrelia for 20 years, levelled the series at one each, with one match drawn.

The all rounder Image Vices

one match drawn.

The all-rounder Imran Khan fittingly captured the last Australian wicket today with his seventh ball. It gave him six wickets in each findings for match figures of 12 for 165. Majid Khan then scored all but six of Pakistan's wiming total, including two impressive books off Lillee for a four and a six. Lillee, who took both Pakistan wickets, ended the three-match series with an impressive total of 21 wickets.

Both captains were quick to Both captains were quick to praise the bowling of the 24-year-

praise the bowling of the 24-yearold Imran, who overcame a poor
start in the series to finish with
a total of 17 wickets for 287 runs
from the last two Tests. Mushraq
Mohammad, Pakistan's captain,
said: "I rate Imran among the
best fast bowlers in the world
and just as fast as Deum's Lillee."
Mushtaq added: "I tituk our
performance here illustrated that
we needed more time to accilimatize to Australian conditions. Despite our win I still cannot see any
apparent weaknesses in the parte our was a same cannot see any apparent weaknesses in the Australian team. They are still a very good side in every department and will prove much mostrong for England and New Zealains."

The Australian captain, Chappelly agas even more impressed.

pell; was even more impressed with Imran's bowling. "Imran's effort here is the best performance bowler on the Sydney cricket ground. It even rates ahead of the efforts by England's John Snow."

the efforts by England's John Snow."
Chappell, although disappointed, said that bearing in mind the loss of Thomson early in the series, the overall Australian performance had been good and a drawn series was a fair result. There could be some changes now in Australia's approach. "This loss is not the end of the world, but I think there will probably be alterations to our batting order in New Zealand next month and to our bowling as well."
The Australian team to tour New Zealand shortly will be the same as the one that played here, with the addition of the Victorian bowlers Bright and Hurst. The tour, which begins on January 30. includes two Tests and a number of three-day matches.

of three-day matches. The Australians return home to play the centenary Test against England in Melbourne, starting on Morch 12 and the team to tour England later in the year will be named on March 17.

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Pakistan next go to the Caribbean where they open their tour of West Indies, which includes five Tests, in St John's, Antigua, AUSTRALIA: First Indings, 217 (G. J. Cosier 50; Imran Khan 6—102)

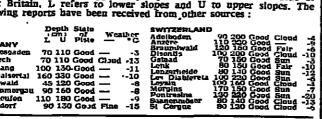
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from the Champions Cup at the Royal Albert Hall on Saturday because of an ankle injury. Her place is taken by Suzanna Dando.

As things stand now the Indians. Instead. a question mark is left among others, will say that this suspended over the good name of indeed is a fishy business, which is made in the case is a man sure it is not. The slogans Latest European snow reports

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Australia too | Small bait lures big names to Kempton

Racing Correspondent

Weather permitting, there promises to be some excellent taking up and down the country on Saturday. The big money may be at Haydock Park but, for a relatively little outlay, Kempton Park have succeeded in attracting the big names. Against the £20,250 which is the added money at Haydock, Kempton are putting up only £6,650. Yet already it seems likely that visitors to the Sunbury course will certainly catch a glimpse of Pendil, April Seventh, Lanzarote, Tree Tangle, Artifice and Shelahnu, and they may well see Fort Devon, too. When you consider the money that is involved that is a very hig catch indeed.

Only if both April Seventh and

Only if both April Seventh and Fort Devon run as well will the Fulwell Steeplechase tell us more about Pendil, and Ford Devon as well for that matter. Fulke Walwell for that matter. Fulke Walwyn was prepared to let Fort
Devon take Pendil on at Wincanton last week in a race that suited
Pendil down to the ground. So
with the north still in the grip
of wintry weather it is quite possible that he will let him take pot
luck on Saturday rather than wait
for the William Hill Yorkshire
Steeplechase at Domcaster a week
later. Walwyn is understaddably later. Walwyn is understand.bly auxious to get another run into Fort Devon and for his plans not to be mucked about by delays and

It will certainly be good to catch another glimpse of Pendil because there are two schools of thought concerning his victorious comeback at Kempton Park on December 28. In one camp there are those with reservations. They say that his performance was not as brilliant as it might have appeared on paper, because the favourite, Game Spirit, never ran a cace at all and was virtually tailed off before half way.

On top of that Spanish Tan, the horse Pendil eventually beat by five lengths, probably does not even get two and a half miles. At the same time, however, it is only the same time, however, it is only fair to point out that Pendil did a spectacular time when he won the Kenton Steeplechase. Against the Kenton Steeplechase. Against average it was by far and away the fastest time of the day, which suggests that Pendil was not as rusty as Fred Winter feared after an absence of about two years.

The list of four-day acceptors for the Weybridge Novices' Steeplechase includes both Tree

Shelanu is trained by Ryan Price could have anything to do with it? The wizard of Findon certainly seems capable of putting fear into the hearts of bookmakers.

STATE OF GOING officiall: Plumpton: good to soft. Tomorrow: Lingfield Park: heavy. Newton Abbut: heavy.

Tangle and Lanzarote. Bob Turnell intends running Tree Tangle, who has already won the Black and White Whisky Gold Cup this season, even though the task of giving 10lb to Lanzarote looks daunting, especially when you realize that Kempton is Lanzarote's favourite course.

The former champion hurdler has still never been beaten there. But if Tree Tangle runs and jumps as well as he did in his first three steeplechases this season he as well as he did in his first three steeplechases this season he will be a tough opponent for Lanzarote, even at these weights. His presence in the field will certainly tell us more about how Lanzarote is coming along in his new role.

The Motorway Handicap Hurdle should also serve a useful purpose

The Motorway Handicap Hurdle should also serve a useful purpose in that it will enable Artifice, the ante-post favourite for the Schweppes Gold Trophy to have a rublic rehearsal without running the risk of picking up a penalty. Roval Epic, Tlepolino, The Dunce, Fisherman's Cot, Brief Chance and Lone Eagle are other likely Schweppes contenders who are also engaged in the same race at Kempton. All in all it promises to be an enlightening affair. I will be particularly keen to see Artifice in action because I endorse every-

to be an enlightening affair. I will be particularly keen to see Artifice in action because I endorse everything that Michael Seely wrote about him earlier this week. It was especially interesting to hear John Thorne say that Artifice has been trained all winter with the Schweppes in mind.

Another favourite due to parade at Kempton on Saturday is Shelahnu, whose current objective is the Walton Novices Hordle which seems sure to be divided. Shelahnu was made favourite to win the Daily Express Triumph hurdle at Cheltenham in March only seconds after be had run away with a division of the Egham Novices Hurdle at Kempton on December 23. That was his first and only race over hurdles so far and he won by eight lengths. Comfortable though that margin was, I am still at a loss to know why Shelahnu is at a shorter price than Decent Fellow, who beat a much stronger field when he won the Finale Junior Hurdle at Chepstow just before Christmas.

I wonder if the fact that Shelahnu is trained by Ryan Price could have anything to do with it?

The wizard of Findon certainly It will certainly be good to catch

Is the increased value of the William Hill Christmas Hurdle,

run at Kempton Park on Boxing Day. The race will have £8,000

Hills continue to support races for two-year-olds

By John Karter At a time when racing folk were beginning to suffer severe with-drawal symptoms through a re-duced daily intake of meetings, William Hill, the bookmakers, provided some much needed relict yesterday. Cosseted in the almost indecent opnience of London's Dorchester Hotel, Sam Burns, the managing director, widely known for his boxing affiliations, amoun-ced his firm's heavyweight pro-gramme of sponsorship for this year. beginning to suffer severe with-

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Hills will contribute a total of \$145,120 to 19 races at 11 races courses in 1977. They are continuing to support the big four antumn races for two-year-olds—the Cheveley Park, Middle Park and Dewlards will also lure some big names away from the less valuable in the hurdle turned into a fine race burst Stakes at Newmarket and the William Hill Futurity at Doncaster—and the important William the extra money, it could be some-third forms and the support the big four autumn races for two-year-olds—the Chevelory Park, Middle Park and Dewlards New Year's Day Hurdle at Windson. Last year the Christmas between Dramatist, Night Nurse and Birds Nest, and this year, with the extra money, it could be some-third to the foundation of the f4,000 in 1976—£5,000 of this being donated by Hills and the other 1976. Each connexions of the ton burdlers with a real alternative to the Irish Sweeps Hurdle, which is now a handicap and which has tended to overshadow all else in the hurdling sphere at this time of year. It will also lure some big names away from the less valuable in the hurdling sphere at this time of year. It will also lure some big names away from the less valuable in the hurdling sphere at this time of year. It will also lure some big names away from the less valuable in the hurdling sphere at this time of year. It will also lure some big names away from the less valuable in the hurdling sphere at this time of year. It will also lure some big names away from the less valuable in the hurdling sphere at this time of year. It will also lure some big names away from the less valuable in the hurdling sphere at this time of year. It will also lure some big names away from the and Birds Nest, and this year, with the extra money. it could be some-thing of a full-scale dress re-hearsal for the Champion Hurdle.

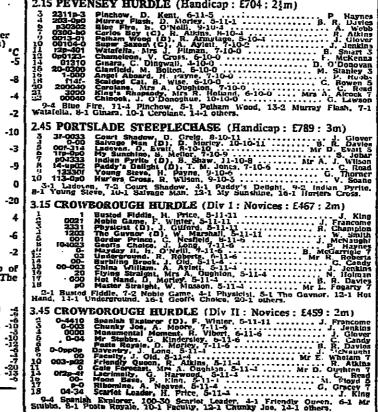
York, which Mr Burns informed us he was trying to have elevated to group one status.

Races new to the Hills list are the William Hill Yorkshire Steeple-chase at Doncaster (formerly the Great Yorkshire), with £6,000 added, and on the same day the William Hill Yorkshire Hurdle, with £3,000 added, which is seen as a Schweppes Gold Trophy trial. A third addition is a handicap (£3,000) at Ascot on Heart Foundation Day.

Young Arthur became the first English-trained winner abroad this year when defeating five rivals in the £2,350 Prix de la Franche-Comte, a two-and-a-half mile hurdle, run at Cagnes-sur-Mer yesterday. Owned by Mrs Derek Kent and trained by her husband, neither of whom were husband, neither of whom were for the world by Seven lengths and two lengths from Dom Louis, who started favourite and Gallican.

Plumpton programme

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in fact, has not dealt with Table Number One h the exposition mechcreaks no less audibly

than the emotionally laden understatements. It does however, introduce the other guests, incontestably led by the queenly Margaret Courtenay who fixes the audience with an eye like Ma's, to threaten and command even before she comes fully into her own when the action moves on to Table Two.

This piece, in the same class s Separate Tables is a as The Browning Version, re-shows English stand-introduces Miss Bennett and Sir John as a mother-dominated frump and a bogus major, and is fully integrated into the life

> Courtenay who, without her spectacles, has to get another resident to read aloud the dreadful paragraph exposing the Major as a flasher (or its 1954 equivalent). It is at once a defeat for her, and a breaking of the suspense for us.

The piece may go through the motions of balancing one moral response against another to placate all sections of the audience but there is no doubt of where its sympathies lie. The ending, with voice after voice breaking the chilly dining room silence to offer the outcast a friendly word on the cricketing outlook or the advisability of choosing the charlotte russe, resolves the piece in absolute and genuinely affecting obedience to the frigidly respectable environ-

It is also illuminating to watch the crisis defining the other characters, such as Ray-mond Huntley's old schoolmas-ter, and Delia Lindsay as a gush-ing young wife, revealed as a Courtenay in embryo.

Sir John, flexing his fingers to nerve himself for action, and retreating even farther into his dapper shell when the truth comes out, proves the continued power of understatement in the right hand. I only doubt whether a manageress as mat-ernally warm as Zena Walker would have been running such

The production endorses Michael Blakemore's talent for the precise articulation of well-



glass, silver and glassware.

The choice gives vivid illus-

tration of the course of abstract

and surrealist ideas in British art of the 1930s and onwards,

in watercolours and gouaches by John Piper, Cecil Stephen-

son, Merlyn Evans in abstract yein, and in the surrealist

fancy of Eileen Agar and John

Armstrong. The variety of technical processes in modern

printmaking is demonstrated in works by Henry Moore, Roy

Lichtenstein, Eduardo Paolozzi

and others as far out in experi-

The selection, however, is

not one-sided-the modern stu-dent of nature in watercolour

is not overlooked, as in the work of Joan Hode, a pupil of Oskar Kokoschka. The past is not forgotten, as witness the miniatures of Lawrence Hilliard

and Oliver; an Italian view by the pupil of Richard Wilson,

Thomas Jones; the inventive illustrations of the Victorian

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Enduring qualities of Puvis

art exhibitions at the moment, of which the most important is undoubtedly that devoted to Puvis de Chavannes: organized jointly by the French National Museums and the National Gallery of Canada, it can be seen at the Grand Palais until February 14, and then in Ottawa from March 18 to May 1.

In his Introduction to magnificent Catalogue (which costs 60 francs), Jacques Foucart pays homage to the artist's "lucid grandeur and costs" and costs of the of the hotel.

Among its many strokes of fine craftsmanship is the delayed revelation of the local newspaper, first pounced on by an aghast Sir John, then seized with a smile of triumph by Miss Courtenay who, without her spectacles, has to get another resident to read aloud the artist's "lucid grandeur and exemplary dignity", and it is indeed these somewhat unfamilies that come over so powerfully. Puvis does not disarm the cynic, he simply overwhelms him by the majestic monumentality of his images. Born in Lyon in 1824, Pierre Puvis de Chavannes was Pierre Puvis de Chavannes was intended for an engineering career, but poor health led to his being sent at the age of 23 to Italy, whence he returned with the determination to become a painter. He studied with Henri Scheffer, but it was Therdes Cheffer, but it was Therdes Cheffer, but it was the control of the studied with Henri Scheffer, but it was the studied with Henri Scheffer was the studied was the studied with Henri Scheffer was the studied with Henri Scheffer was the studied was the studied with Henri Scheffer was the studied with Henri Scheffer was the studied was the studied with Henri Scheffer was the studied was the studied was the studied Theodore Chassériau, a pupil of Ingres, who most influenced the young painter, and in his studio Puvis met the woman who was to inspire many of his finest works, the Princess Cantacuzène.

His early works exude an atmosphere of decadent exoticism which derives from Chassériau, and which Gustave Moreau was to exploit and develop much more fully : in his Salome of 1856, Puvis shows the daughter of Herodias hold-ing aloft the charger as a signal to the executioner far below her, while in the even more explicit Saint Sebastian of the following year the four young archers seem totally unaware of the sagging body of their companion-victim suspended by his wrists in the background. A fine red-chalk study for the figure of the saint is exhibited alongside the oil, as well as the artist's own etching after the whole composition.

It was at the Salon of 1861 that Puvis had his first big success, with two allegorical canvases illustrating the contrasting themes of war (Bellum) and peace (Concordia) which prompted the critic Théophile Gautier to compare the painter with the great decorators of the the state to purchase them for the new museum at Amiens where they became the nucleus of a complete scheme of decoration executed over a number of years. Fortunately, like some of the great Baroque decorative painters, Puvis often executed small-scale replicas of his compositions many of which are included in the exhibition, as well as some of his marvellous preparatory drawings made from the living

He also produced preliminary sketches (the equivalent of the Italian bozzetto) and two remarkably fluid studies for the museum at Marseille have been lent by the Phillips Collection, Massilia, colonie crecque and includes



The Prodigal Son

grandiloquent Palais Longchamp at Marseille (which contains two museums) was built by Henri Espérandieu from 1862, and Puvis carried out his two huge mural decorations between 1867 and 1869. A year later he began work on the decoration of the Town Hall at Pointers, and in 1874 he carried out his first commission for the Panthéon in Paris, The Childhood of Saint Genevieve, for which the fullsize cartoon on canvas has recently been rediscovered in reserves of the Musées Royaux d'Art et d'Histoire at Brussels.

The Panthéon is of course open to the public (except on

Marseille, porte de l'Orient. The image of St Genevieve watching two large panels, Winter and over the sleeping city. The other decorations in Paris are not so easy of access: the Grand Amphithéaire of the Sorbonne (1888-89) is theoretically open to the public during the run of the exhibition on Friday after-noons (2-5) and on Saturdays (10-12, 2-5) but on the day I went it was firmly locked and only opened with considerable

The staterooms of the Hotel Ville can be visited only on Monday mornings at 10.30, with a guide, but it is well worth the effort, since as well as the rooms decorated by Puvis it houses a comprehensive collection of "proving projection of the state of the s (in oil on canvas, like all his which covers every available decorations) can be studied on surface. The Salon du Zodiaque site, together with the much is one of the most successful of later group (1897-98) which includes the unforgettable (1887-92) by Puvis, consisting of

Summer, and four spandrels, in which the painter uses the awkward shape to brilliant effect. Highly-finished sketches of two main scenes are included in the exhibition, as well as several studies for the Escalier d'Honneur, which Puvis also decorated, but much less

Some of the finest things in the exhibition are easel pictures that do not relate to any of his decorative schemes: The Prodi-gal Son of 1879, the justly famous Poor Fisherman (1881) and the Portrait of Princess Cantacuzène (c 1883), which is shown together with some pene-trating pencil studies. Puris married the princess in 1897, barely 15 months before he

Jeffery Daniels

Abbado records the Scala Boccanegra

Few better opera sets were issued last year than DG's recording of Verdi's Macbeth. The strength came from the quality of ensemble and the ability to convey the involvement and intensity of a stage performance on disc. The cast used, with a couple of changes, was that of La Scala. DG simply moved them, together with the orchestra, chorus and conductor Claudio Abbado down to the new television studios at the western extension of Milan's metro.

DG have just completed recording another of the Scala's successes, Simon Boccanegra, with a similar team in Milan. London had a taste of its quality when La Scala came here last March and recognized Boccanegra as one of the finest Verdi productions of recent years, even though Strehler's staging had to be trimmed to the dimensions of the Opera House stage. The commitment of Piero Cappuccilli in the title role of cilli in the title role, of Mirella Freni's Amelia and of Claudio Abbado's conducting set the standards by which future Boccanegras will have to be judged.

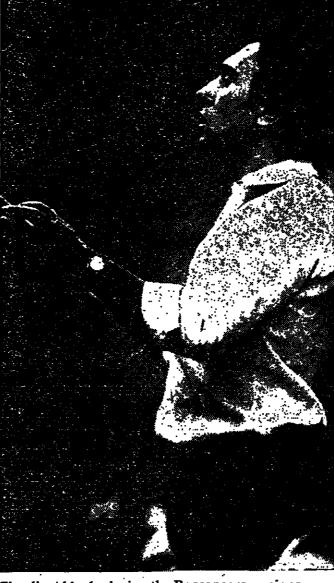
DG kept the nucleus of the Milan side for the recording and added in Jose Carreras as Gabriele Adorno, Jose van Dam as Paolo and Nicolai Ghiaurov as Fiesco. No weak-nesses there on paper. Claudio Abbado is back with La Scala, at least for recording purposes, after his resignation last summer. He is guarded about his return to the theatre itself, which is the subject of almost daily speculation in the local papers, but has no reservations about his devotion to Boccane-

love most and, if you go back to Verdi's letters, you can see the place it had in the composer's heart. On a more personal level, I cherish it because it was the first opera on which I worked with Giorgio Strehler, and I think we did quite well together. We planned it as part of a cycle of the operas to which Verdi returned Macbeth, which you've already seen, and Don

Carlos being the other two."

"It is one of the operas I

How far is Abbado trying to create a theatre production on record? "I think we are mying to give a sense of theatre. We keep on remembering the stage because many of us worked together for so long on the production; sometimes we use the same positioning as. for instance, when Boccanegra moves backwards with that cry 'Il mare' in the final act. But garians, Romanians and even which could also be the basis on record precision is para- Americans in the pit for recordings although not mount. In the theatre a little But if there has been an im- necessarily with DG."



Claudio Abbado during the Boccanegra sessions

be allowed here and there because of the demands of the stage; in the studios there must be total fidelity to the

During the sessions the Scala orchestra plays for Abbado with a fire and immediacy which some of their regular conductors have no ability to command. Did he make many changes among the personnel while he was there? "Yes, there were one or two replacements. The orchestra is certainly more cosmopolitan than it was and we now have Bul-

licence with the music might provement in the sound, as you say, then I think it is because of greater personal pride within and without the theatre. When I came in 1968 there were only a couple of quartets which the players had formed among themselves; now there must be at least 10 ensembles in various sections giving public and private performances."

And will Abbado return to La Scala? "If the terms are right, yes. I want to conduct Don Carlos and record it for DG. We also have plans for new productions of Un ballo in maschera and Nabuc-o,

and opens the next Scala sea-son in December the Elisabetta will be Mirella Freni, who has been having her major suc-cesses recently in Verdi at La Scala and at Salzburg. The turning point for Freni came when she decided to sing Desdemona for Karajan in his Salzburg Otello. "He asked me many times before I agreed. I had been

If Don Carlos goes ahead and opens the next Scala sea-

convinced that I could not sing the role, that I should not extend my voice beyond Mar-guerite and Mimi. But Karajan is one of the most persuasive men I know. I'm not usually nervous on stage, but during the love duet on the first night of that Otello my legs did not stop trembling — I still have the sensation. You say that after that performance there was a new Freni and probably you're right. And maybe you will hear yet another Freni in 1979 because Herr von Karajan is trying to persuade me to sing a major new role there, although

"I am very careful about tackling anything which will make the voice heavier. When Is Scala suggested Amelia in Simon Boccanegra I said 'No. no, it's impossible l' I'm afraid that's always my reaction. But then I return home and go over the score with my hus-band and sometimes it turns all. I was worried that Amelia would lie too low for my voice; now it comes much more easily. The only problem is that I have become a Verdi soprano', as they say in our business. No one asks me to sing the lighter roles. The requests are all for Desdemona, Elisabetta, the Boccane-gra Amelia. So I've decided to balance this by preparing two recitals for New York and Washington in which the first half will be given to Italian songs, where the voice is used as a pure and simple instrument, and the second to leider by Duparc and Dvorak. It is 10 years since I gave a solo pro-gramme and I've almost forgotten what the feeling is like. Everyone wants opera, opera,

Meanwhile down at the CTC Studios in Milan it is casts ar La Scala with the itself suffering somewhat as Simon Boccanegra goes on to tape. The results should be available next autumn and to judge from the sessions they have every chance of being in the Macheth class.

John Higgins

Tancredi

Oueen Elizabeth Hall

William Mann

Monday's concert perform-ance of Tancredi, Rossini's first international success as a composer of opera, was no ad hoc run-through but an import from France. Its conductor, John Perras, had been asked by the House of Culture in Rennes to prepare, cast, and conduct the vork for stage performances in Rennes, Angers and Orléans. The cast was selected after auditions organized for Mr Perras by our Park Lane Group who presented this concert hearing in London after the performances in France last month and after a commercial recording for the gramophone.

Mr Perras's performing edition was of special interest in including an extra aria for the principal tenor at the beginning of Act II, and a different set-ting of the subsidiary soprano's aria just afterwards; it in-cluded all the other numbers commonly printed (but not Tancredi's Fra Le Ombre " with born obligato, which we heard at Camden Festival in

about half a century after its Venice première in 1813, for the lilting aria "Di tanti palpiti". The scenario by Gaetano Rossi derives ultimarely from Tasso but is not concerned with Clorinda (as in Monteverdi); Rossi's heroine is called Amenaida. It is typical of opera seria in treating characters statically but giving the principals music in a variety of moods, untypical in quite frequent provision for concerted ensembles and choruses, several of them at least as fine

the cavatina sung by Tancred when lost behind the Saracen lines. There is plenty of splendid, expressive orchestral music, more to German than Italian taste of the time, but much to the liking of a modern

Heavy technical demands are made on the principal singers, as a matter of course, the sub-sidiary parts as much as hero and heroine. Mr Perras, perhaps counting on small opera-houses for his performances, chose young British singers, attractive in timbre, neatly focused but not large: all the florid music on Monday was idily and expressively sung, but not loudly, often with recourse to half-voice or falsetto, as was the custom in Rossini's youth-

The biggest and most characterful voice was that of Tom McDonnell, who much enjoyed himself with the blacker-than-black vituperation and sneering of the villainous - Crbazzano. Keith Lewis, who sang the heroine's royal father, displayed a likable tenor, quite strong but most attractive in half-voice (when he strongly recalled Richard Lewis with whom he has studied), a useful singer though his Italian is fallible.

Hannah Francis sang charmingly, sometimes rather too dis-creetly, with admirable neat-ness and appreciation of line, as the heroine, particularly in her second act aria "Giusto Dio". The title part, written for a female mezzo-soprano, not a male castrato, was undertaken by Patricia Price, nicely though no effortfully. PLG provided the male chorus and the orchestra, conducted with fervent spirit as well as scholarly care by Mr Perras; the recitatives did go on and on, sometimes a bit tentatively (they were evidently abbreviated in the operahouse, though the singers sang everything by heart). It was a long bur enjoyable evening.

Murray Perahia

St John's/Radio 3

Joan Chissell

Nothing cheered Schumann From Brahms Mr Perahia more towards the end of his chose the Handel Variations, days than discovering the young Brahms. As a sexagenarian, Brahms in his turn once confessed that having known Schumann was one of the three things that had made his own life most worth living. So both composers would have been well content with their pairing in Murray Perahia's recital in the Monday lunchtime series broadcast from St John's, Smith

Square. . Mr Perahia's affection Schumann is well known. this occasion he chose routhful Papillons Op 2, the trolled strength for the bigger first of the composer's several outbursts, and from variation invitations to the dance. Mr Perahia never forgot the background of the masked ball, For encore Mr Perahia turned keeping each number crisp and to Schumann's youthful

the radio. Nothing was obscured by the right pedal. Always he found something new to empha-size in repeats. In the fanciful finale he was uncommonly suc-cessful in delineating crosscurrents of tune and rhythm.

written in defiance of the New German School to show that the spirit of the past was anything but dead. Here again Mr Perahia eschewed heavily pedalled washes of sound and all vorgantic salf indulators in all romantic self indulgencies in favour of classical purity. The theme itself could not have been outlined with a more deli-cate precision and clarity even by a harpsichord. Now and again his tempo seemed a bit de-liberate, as if in mortal dread fact very few and far between. But Mr Perahia found conbuoyant. Despite the resonance of St John's, it was perhaps the cal elegance and the resolution crystalline clarity of his sound world that impressed most over promptu Op 90.

Costly theatrical imports

Seat prices higher than those at Covent Garden would have to be charged if Sadler's We'ls Theatre met the fees charged by some foreign companies, Mr Douglas Craig, director of Sadler's Wells, said on Monday. "The whole house would have to average £6-£7 a seat," he said, "and this is wholly outside our charter. We would alienate our public to charge those sort of prices." those sort of prices."

On the theatre's financial situation, he said their net deficit of over £8,000 would have been a figure "in the black" of £2,000 without value-added

Five foreign companies make their first visit this year: the Royal Danish Academy, Copenhagen (March); Gothenburg Opera (May); Greek Art Theatre (May); Les Danses Sacrées de Bali (August); Korean National Dance Company (August).

Return visits are to be made by the London Opera Centre (March and July); Royal Northern College of Music (March); London Contemporary Dance Theatre (April and November); Sadler's Wells Royal Ballet (April and September); English Music Theatre Company (June); D'Oyly Carte Opera Company (July and December); Kabuki (August) and the Handel Opera Society

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public view. The present exhibition continues until April 17. William Gaunt | Some of the notices on this page are reprinted from yesterday's later editions,

Only a charter of hope for change can calm the young lions of Soweto

Helen Suzman, Progressive Party Member of Parliament in South Africa, contributes this week's guest column

Perhaps the most remarkable aspect of the current currest in South Africa, which has lasted for nearly six months and only now shows signs of abating, is the leading role played by high school pupils.

It was they who organized the mass demonstration in Soweto against the use of the Afrikaans language as a teaching medium in the high schools. When the demonstration escalated into widespread riots after a violent confrontation with the police, it was they who kept up the continued defiance of the authorities. They did this even though the death toll moundid this even though the death toll mounted alarmingly, the wounded numbered hundreds, and thousands were arrested. It was they who organized repeated stay-athome strikes of adult workers.

The pupils, who are generally older than those in white schools, have not hesitated to the wideway to achieve the chiefting.

to use violence to achieve their objective, stoning buses, trains and taxis carrying township residents to and from their places of work, and setting fire to buildplaces or work, and setting here to build-ings in the black townships. The liquor stores and beer halls were early targets in the riots—"they give us drunk parents". The young have achieved what the police have long failed to do—they have closed down the shebeens (the illicit bars). "Midnight deadline for booze " was the headline in the Soweto paper The World on October 31—inconceivable six months ago to imagine Soweto, with its vast consumption

Imagine Soweto, with its vast consumption of liquor, going dry.

Once the hated regulation regarding Afrikaans as a teaching medium had been withdrawn (and this happened shortly after the original riots took place in Soweto in mid-June), it may well be asked why the situation in the townships did not return to normal

did not return to normal.

The answer is to be found in the fact that the teaching medium was only one of many grievances which have turned Sowero and the other black urban townships into tinder boxes, only awaiting a spark to set them ablaze.

Conditions in the vast sprawling black urban areas have steadily been deteriorating. In Soweto, 2,000 houses need to be ing. In Soweto, 2,000 houses need to be built each year to keep pace with the natural increase alone. Only 798 were built last year, and the overall shortfall today is more than 20,000 at the minimum. roday is more than 20,000 at the minimum. The resultant overcrowding is appalling. Two-bedroom houses with 12 occupants are not uncommon. Less than one-third of the houses have electricity. Indeed, how any youngster manages to study under present conditions is a mystery. Transport and recreational facilities are hopelessly inadequate. "Bantu education", as it is called, is neither free nor compulsory as called, is neither free nor compulsory, as it is for white children, and is much in-ferior to the education received by white

Family incomes are generally low, and the cost of living has soured. Blacks are well aware that the quality of life in their segregated townships compares very unfavourably with that in the white suburbs. If, as the head of the Bureau of State Security has chained, "communists are behind the riots", they would certainly find fertile fields in which to work. To the



demise of the Smith government in Rhodesia, and the reason for the obduracy of the young becomes clear. Not for them the silent submission of their parents.

silent submission of their parents.

Perhaps if the Government had, early on in the unrest, swiftly negotiated with black urban leaders, the situation would have been defused. Instead, the Prime Minister opted out entirely, declaring that there was no crisis in South Africa, and that he had every confidence that the police could handle the situation. The Minister of Police thus became the key figure, and his attitude has been charac-Minister of Police thus became the key figure, and his attitude has been characteristically tough. Police action has been anything but restrained. There are many ugly stories (hotly denied by the police) of unprovoked police violence in the townships. The minister has arrested and charged thousands of young blacks with arson and other crimes, many others are being detained incommunicado under the Tertorism Act for interrogation and about Terrorism Act for interrogation, and about 120 adults and youths were held under the Internal Security Act, which permits pre-

The Government has badly misjudged simmering causes of discontent, add the Government's failure to implement promises to remove race discrimination made at the United Nations at the end of 1974, the revolutionary changes in Mozambique and Angola, and the imminent

nificant because they constitute by far the majority of the urban black popula-tion—in Soweto, it is estimated that well over half of the population is under the age of 23. Unlike the adult black political movements, there do not appear to be informers among the black youth. Significantly, one of the young leaders was on the run for several weeks before he skipped the country: no one informed on him despite the 500-rand reward offered.

Whether or not black youth has been permanently alterated one camot say. If more violence and repeated confrontations are to be avoided, the Government should stop shooting and start talking, and, needless to say, negotiations are more likely to succeed if conducted round a table rather than shrough prison bars. If the pupils are to be coaxed back to school, their friends in detention will have to be released and police ectivity around the schools will have to cease. Fundamental changes are needed, too, in the education

Most of all, what is desperately needed is a charter of hope for change—not tough action, for while it is true that black youth is becoming increasingly radical in its demands, there are still many millions of blacks who would welcome peaceful change in South Africa.

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Farming: Are we feeding ourselves to death?

The subject of agriculture is one of be-wildering complexity. From a whirlwind of green pounds, butter mountains and advertisements, one fact strikes: the price of food increases rapidly while its taste and the health of its consumers decline. Obesity, coronary thrombosis and some cancers are all caused by the wrong diet, invigorated by the fallacy that if something is good for you the more of it you est the better. Our condition is such that the National Sickness would seem a more

accurate address for our medical services.
In many countries, there is now concern that mainstream agriculture has taken the wrong course. Researches, at the end of last century, led to the belief that the soil can be virtually by-passed, except as a supporting medium, and the plants fed directly with soluble often synthetic chemicals. From this sprang the development of further artificial products—insecticides, herbicides and fungicides. Modern agriculture has become a capitalized in the street supported by feed markinger. dustry, supported by feed, machinery. packaging, Chemical and pharmaceutical firms and research institutions—a giant network concerned more with production of money than food. Farms have become factories where plants and animals are injected with every sort of industrial roduct in order to achieve maximum ields—and maximum return on capital. The excessive use of chemical fertilizers

not only pollutes rivers and lakes, but it also destroys the fertility of the soil itself, and may lock up essential minerals necessary for the health of plants and livestock. One example is that potash will go into insoluble compound with maggo into insoluble compound with magnesium thereby denying magnesium to the plant and to the animal which eats the plant, this is one of the causes of hypomagnessaemia in cattle. The farmer is compelled to resort to an arsenal of poisons against pests and diseases which are not fully effective as controls and the long-term results of which are unseen.

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Also unseen is the waste of energy. To produce one ton of nitrogen fertilizer, between three and five tons of fossil fuels are needed—50 per cent of which is absorbed by the plant, the rest being lost in run-off or seepage, during which it can turn to poisonous uitrate. A number of recent publications have analysed various asoe s of energy use, particularly in United States agriculture, Approximately tive times as much energy goes into the production of food than is actually contained in the food itself. Furthermore, as far as scientific research has gone in the past, all we have been directed to improving quantot of yield, not quality, and value is assessed by bulk not nutritive

Health, quality and rejection of dangerous practices are the priorities of the alternative movement in organic or biological agriculture, which is supported by

several organizations (The Soil Associa-tion, The Henry Doubleday Research Asso-ciation and The Organic Farmers and Growers are just three). These practical people have little time for woolly romanticism, hippies, food faddists and cranks. They have evolved a positive scientific system of agriculture based on a more complete biological or ecological viewgrowing food from the land, rather than transmuting imported chemicals and proteins into eatables using the land as a factor floor. factory floor.

The central idea is to build up soil ferrility (and the population of micro-organisms which create humus and pro-duce natural plant foods to maintain all plants' health and resistance to disease) by returning all organic waste to the land in a cycle of renewal. Feed the soil to feed the colunt to feed the sail to feed the plant to feed the animal/human. Animal residues are vital for the health and nutrition of plants—if all animal and human excretia were harnessed chemical fertilizers could become virtually redun-

Organic farmers vary. It is impossible here to give full details of their husbandry. here to give full details of their husbandry. Some buy in feed, manures and seed; others are self-sufficient. All are united in not using chemical fertilizers for direct plant feeding; not leaving the land uncovered; not ploughing deeply and in avoiding the use of synthetic insecticides. Most operate a balanced livestock and crop rotation, but one at least is working on an experiental monorulary of ceiveds.

on an experimental monoculture of cereals to develop a low cost system.

What about the economics of such farming? Conventional farm costs have doubled in the past three years, yet one Welsh organic farmer, with 234 acres and Weish organic larmer, with 234 acres and a Guernsey herd, writes that his variable costs are as low as £3 an acre. In the view of enother organic farmer, much of the expense of conventional farming is unnecessary. It is provoked by commercial propaganda and adds to overheads and investment to a degree which is ludicated extractional entertains.

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a premium. But most farmers within the movement want to see this go—along with all the health food racket—and to see their products, gnaranteed chemical free, reason-ably priced in supermarkets. At present consumers have little choice of how they eat or where it comes from They are.

if only at second hand, the unwitting victims of advertisement and anonopoly. Many doubt whether an organic system of agriculture could produce enough for the world's population. It is often argued that without fertilizers there would be famine. But a growing number of people believe that the so-called "green revolution" has been created by levels of chemical fertilizers and irrigation that developing countries cannot afford, and crops that are vulnerable to disease and drought. Biological systems could be developed to produce all the food the world will need at a fraction of the present western agricultural energy requirements.

Recent surveys in France and the United States corn belt, together with a preliminary report from the Agriculture Eco-Many doubt whether an organic system

inary report from the Agriculture Eco-nomics Unit at Cambridge University (currently working on British organic farm costings) show that organic farmers can obtain yields as high as those of industrial agriculture with sometimes greater profits. Moreover these results are achieved without the aid that conventional agriculturists receive from chemical and governmental advisory services into which millions of pounds are nowed, the British governmental advisory services into which millions of pounds are poured—the British government spends £50m on research and development in agriculture, 80 per cent in research: What might these tarmers accomplish with the backing of scientific research? It is not a question of regression, but of how to go forward.

In 1975 the Council of Europe urged member governments to set up numbers

member governments to set up numbers of pilot farms to conduct long-term experiments into biological farming. In the same year £250,000 was donated by the Nuffield Foundation to shape an agricultural strategy that meets the needs of farmers and serves the whole community. In the words of Lord Rothschild, the scheme will neither contain nor be influenced by "econus, vegetarians, dung-bred addicts...".

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On the continent governments are co-operating. The Dutch are involved in re-search, the Swiss run a college on organic lines, the French have just published an excellent report (L'Agriculture Biologique en France). We have done nothing but parrot our narrow mindedness. There are plans for an International Institute of Biological husbandry—only the means are

wanting.

As the Council of Europe stressed present knowledge of ecology, biology and food science is still inadequate. No one knows the long-term effects of chemical residues in food, in humans, or in the environment. The development and protection of presents are presented of presents are presented of presents are presented of presents. potential of organic farming depends on the provision of scientific research and this depends on political and economic choice. Consumers should rise and demand that the government conceive a sense of

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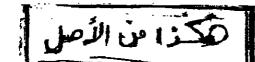
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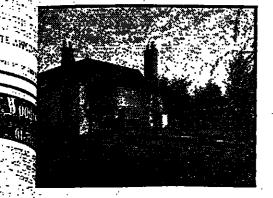
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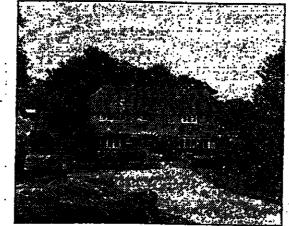
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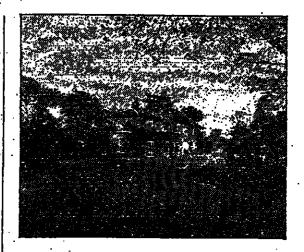
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Picking up the bits and pieces of a city that died in an instant

Can a dog be happy without first having been miserable? Thus ran the old philosophical puzzle. And I suppose I shall be considered churlish for saying that there is an extra pleasure to be derived from the plactice of Sir Hugh Casson as page. election of Sir Hugh Casson as president of the Royal Academy in the fact that he is the first holder of that position within living memory whose ork does not impel anyone of even ordinary artistic sensibility to pull the bedclothes up over the head and scream. Indeed, without checking the list of past PRAs I cannot think of genuinely distinguished artist who as held the post in modern times, has held the post in modern times, and it is perhaps significant that in order to find one the academy had to turn to an architect. (Mind you, Sir Hugh is not the first architect-PRA, but if you want to be reminded of the previous president from that profession, go and look at Bracken House, the Financial Times building. You'll be soure.)

That is by way of prolegomena to my theme, which is the Pompeii ex-hibition at the academy. I realize, of course, that the gestation period of such shows being what it is, this one was planned long before Sir Hugh assumed office; but it has fallen to his lot to write the customary preface to the catalogue (a sumptuous and wonderfully informative volume, inidentally, the work of John Ward-erkins and Amanda Claridge), in hich he reminds us that "No event

in history perhaps has caught so sharply the human imagination or been held so firmly in our memory?

That is indeed true; and Sir Hugh offers two explanations for it. First is that of the psychologists, who tell us "that the capacity to imagine disaster is a primitive but essential part of our human capacity to survive, part of our need to confront death when we are not ourselves dying. Second is his own:

. . we remember Pompeti not just for its human tragedy, nor even for the strange accident which kept its secret so perfectly and for so long, but for the waith and quality of its art—the paintings and furniture, the mosaics and sculpture, the architecture, jewellery and treasures, the whole man-made environment of its.

But there is surely another explanation, and it is the one that confronts us most sharply at the exhibition: it in history have been destroyed in natural or man-made disasters: tidal natural or man-made disasters: tidal waves, earthquakes, bombing-raids, fires. But Pompeii stands alone because of the extraordinary microcosm of the human condition it postrayed. The reason for the perfection of the portrait was that the agent of destruction was also the means of preservation; but the portrait itself was of all humanity. How many

shipwrecked voyagers have died because they insisted on going to their cabins for some precious jewel or memento instead of making at once for the boats? How many of once for the boats? How many of those trapped in a fire have left their escape too late because they stayed to take something with them from the holocaust? Even in one of the least terrible of all the world's disasters—the collapse of the Campanile in Venice in 1902, after it had stood for a thousand years—where no human being died (the building was seen to be tottering some days before it fell, and the area was evacuated and roped off), there was just such a four-legged casualty in the lodge-keeper's cat, which had insisted on going back through the cordon to finish its breakfast. (The cat, incidentally, was called Vesuvio.)

This inability to face the necessity of instant flight was seen at its most intense in Pompeii; it is true that

intense in Pompeii; it is true that many died because, though they had fled at once, they were overcome by the fumes in the outskirts of the city or on the jammed roads beyond, but many others were frozen for ever in the very act of taking their possessions from a drawer, or on the way down to the cellars of their houses to pack stored belongings. Most of us have played the after-dinner game in which we are asked to say what single possession we would take with us if forced to flee for our lives from home and country: such conversation is rooted in one of the deepest of all session, be it only of some toy or minket, some book or letter of no

value to anyone but ourselves, infused as it is for us with the human associations that it conjures up.

That is one part of the drama of Pompeii on August 24, 79 AD. But in addition to the element provided by our feeling of identification with the victims, not only these who delical. victims—not only those who dellied too long, but also those who were caught and transfixed literally in mid-stride, thus becoming so much more human and recognizable for us than any Pharaoh in his sandalwood sarcophagus—there is the no less dramatic quality of the fact that the city's death and immortality took place almost in a single instant, so that every aspect of its normal life was and is visible.

was and is visible.

Sir Hugh Casson is right to draw attention to the richness and variety of Pompeii's art, an enormous selection of which is included in this exhibition (I found the paintings a little insipid, but it may be that colours were less well preserved by the volcanic matter than were three-dimensional objects); but far more dramatically evocative are the ordinary things of life that perished with their users, and that would not have been thought of by those users as worth preserving for two years, let alone two thousand. The hairpins alone two thousand. The hairpins and mirrors, for instance, the coins, the garden ornaments (rather prettier, most of them than your

average plastic gnome of today), the average plastic gnome of rotay), the lamps and jugs and bottles, the doctor's scales and the tradesman's stamp, the carpenter's plane and the schoolboy's inkpot, the dice and knuckle-bones; and, perhaps the strangest and in some ways the most rouching of all, the marble slab, beautifully incised, which turns out to be neither more nor less than an to be neither more nor less than an

The Baths of Marcus Crassus Frugi. Sea-water and fresh-water bathing. Januarius, Freedman.

It is this quality of immediate recognition that for me provided the most fascinating aspect of the Pompeii exhibition. The religious and other ceremonies and rituals portrayed or implied (remember that Christianity was not to become the religion of the Empire for more than apportunity two centuries) are interestireligion of the Empire for more than another two centuries) are interesting, but the modern spectator remains detached from them. The works of art and ornament are in many cases (the sculpture especially) of very great beauty. But the colander, the ear-rings, the folding ruler, the comb and the slab which reconstitute that the work of reconstructs. recorded that the work of reconstruc-tion at the Pompeii Theatre was done by a firm of architects run by Marcus Artorius—these are the things which bring the dead to life, only for them to die again before our eyes under the fiery rain, our brothers and sis-ters in their ordinary existence and their extraordinary misfortune.

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Untangling the complex mysteries of Mars

Some of the tantalizing questions about Mars raised by the American Viking spacecraft last year are to be reinvesti-gated. The second and longest phase of the exploration is about to begin, now that instruments switched off two months ago, just before the planet moved behind the Sun, can be revived. Certainly, work should continue throughout 1977 and, it may be hoped,

In the interim, 81 senior scientists in charge of the 13 different categories of investigation have not completed their interpretation of the mass of information from the first part of the project.

Some of the difficulty comes a trying to reconcile what the wide range of discoveries about Mars tell the scientist about its formation, its age and the processes that have altered its shape and the composition of its atmosphere over millions

Uncertainties with the biological experiments have overhadowed very important findines like the existence oxygen, argon, nitrogen, krypton and zenon in the atmo-sphere. An analysis of nitrogen, argon, krypton and xenon is extremely important in reconstructing the history of how the planet "outgassed" and lost volatile materials to

SDECE. Mas pro busiy had an atmo-sphere about ten times denser than new. There is also evidence of massive flooding unich sourced our courses. All this fits very well with evidince that writer may have existed on the planet.

Mony scientists have considered that organic chemistry evertwents made on the sur-face would be crucial in answering questions about primi-tive life forms. Organic com-pounds can be produced either by biological or chemical pro-cesses: so the presence of organic compounds is not in itself an indication of life. But no organic compounds have been detected by the sensitive chemical apparatus on either

of the two Viking landers. exploration was intended to came steadily over the Viking give a location geologically dif- I landing site from the northferent from the first one. In east, dropping the pressure, fact, the close geological simithen the wind picked up to has been one of the many surprises of the expedition. Both are rich in iron and have almost exactly the same comalmost exactly the same com-position of their major ele-

ments, · like calcium, alumin ium, silicon and sulphur.

But the geological similari ties are not as perplexing as those produced by the biological experiments, which do not square with the organic chemistry ones. In fact, the quandary about interpreting the bio-logical investigation continued until the instruments were switched off. One of the last experiments took soil from be-

neath a rock, showing again in-triguing activity that appeared to be consistent with the existence of tiny molecules that could have been produced by a biochemical process.

Dr Gerald Soffen, chief scientist for the Viking project, describes some of the reasons for being perplexed. He said they had prepared themselves for a difficult task untangling the mystery of whether organic compounds came from life or nonlife pro-The fact that organic compounds were found raised questions like: where is the material from meteorites containing chemically formed organic compounds? Some traces, at least, were expected from bombardment of Mars by

chondrites. embarrassing for the experi-menters as trying to explain what has happened in the special biological appratus. In fact, the biological examinations are to be continued for at least another 100 days.

these so-called carbonaceous

Tests with identical equip-ment on earth of soil samples from the Antarctic show that these samples can be incubated for three or four months before organic compounds can be identified, showing the exis-tence of traces of biological molecules which withstand low temperatures.

Meteorological equipment on the Viking craft confirm temperatures are cold with the highest measurements being about —32 deg C. Nevertheless, conditions in the first part of the project bave been quieter than expected. However, just before Mars disappeared behind the Sun, blocking com-The two spacecraft are more munications, measurements of than 5,000 miles apart. Indeed, the second site chosen for the exploration was intended to came steadily over the Viking

Pearce Wright

Mr Jenkins must lift 'the frozen mitt' from EEC social policy

Mr Roy Jenkins has let it be dency of the European Com-mission to be characterized by Emphasis on the need a concentration on policies with a direct human impact. for community He will have a very early policies for public opportunity to convert aspiration into action. A new Com-munity social action prohealth is welcome. gramme, covering the period to 1980, has to be agreed with the Council of Ministers over the next few months. The same cannot The Commission's proposals be said for presented to the council before Christmas, and industrial relations what the incomparable G. Wodehouse used to call the old frozen mitt" treat-

> lave been circulating in Brusrather vague document described as a "valedictory statement" by the outgoing social affairs commissioner, Dr Patrick Hillery (now president

were able to muster.

The Commission's first social action programme, covering the period 1974-76, was the centrepiece of the range of new policies designed to give the Community a "human face"; other such policies included the establishment of the regional fund, measures for environmental control and reporting the state of play on the various measures in the 1974-76 programme, conclud-1974-76 programme, concludloped a Pavlovian reaction to lop the concept of trade unioning, in one of the more any proposal, however hareremarkable self-contradictions brained, which has the adjecto emerge from the Brussels tive "European" in front of
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Sweden, Germany and the consumer protection, and the expanded programme of overword-factory in recent years.

"This report ... gives the Given the fact that average Sweden, Germany and the Commission reason to believe take-home pay, in real terms, Netherlands). that it has fully carried out is now twice as high in Ger. So the Commission has the tasks assigned to it by the many as in Britain—and the already, over the last few many as in Britain—and the already, over the last few widening week by years, gone quite a long way to encompassed a wide range of council resolution of January 21, 1974"; when in fact the report proves just the opposite.
Rarely has the concern for appearance over reality, the besetting sin of the former Commission, been so shamelessly paraded. It is small wonder that the ministers, knowing the facts, should have treated the rest of the report with scant courtesy. But it is unfortuned as formed as in Britain—and the already, over the last few years, gone quite a long way to week—it is not at all clear prepare the ground for a UK-how meaningful Community—type social contract, at EEC wide collective bargains are level. Now is the time to capitalized tries and imposing impossible on the social contract in the inflationary burdens on the social contract in the inflationary burdens on the with the unions a voluntary policy of incomes restraint that the ministers, knowing the facts, should have treated the rest of the report with scant courtesy. But it is women, worker participation and labour relations, health and safety, action to help

with scart courtesy. But it is unfortunate, for misstatements about the past are much less important than proposals for the future. And the social problems in the European Community, as the Commission paper makes clear, certainly require vigorous action.
The Commission's guidelines

completion of the first programme is the establishment of for the new programme look like a watered-down version of the old one, with the same general priority areas: employguidelines for the second programme. According to the res-olution of the Council of ment, labour relations, social protection and public health— Ministers which approved the first programme on Jamary 21, 1974, the second programme was to have been agreed by the end of 1976. That deadline has been missed, and insistence on the achieve-ment of a social "consensus" (evidently the new vogue word to replace "participation").

The emphasis on the need vacuum developing in this poli-tically very sensitive area. Sesponsibility for failure to meet the deadline falls squarely on the shoulder of and there is a danger of a

suggestion that the Community sides of industry together to try to draw up European-wide collective bargaining agree-ments. This is an idea which has been around Brussels for some time, partly because a minority of European trade unionists are keen on it, partly because some of the more cloistered Eurocrats have deve-

The Commission is on much

to combat unemployment, and to develop a social "con-sensus" with unions and employers which can help to hold down inflationary pres-sures—a kind of Europeanized "Neddy", with its own indus-trial strategy and social con-tract. This is the aspect on which Mr Jenkins and his col-leagues should concentrate, in the revision and strengthening of the document which will now clearly be needed.

squarely on the shoulders of dustrial relations.

Although the Commission the outgoing Commission. Here the Commission has not so far dared to breathe Although a draft second social chooses to resurrect, as one of the words "incomes policy", it

is plainly edging towards doing

No social consensus which fails to grasp this nettle will be worth much. On the other side, the Commission has not een inactive in promoting industrial democracy in the inerests of the unions. The two directives designed

to protect workers' interests in collective redundanty situations and when the ownership of the firm changes (the second was passed last month by the coun-cil), will soon be followed by a third, dealing with individual redundancy provisions. Further measures to promote equality work between men and omen—notably in the area of social security—are in the pipeline. The Commission is helping to finance the setting-up of a European Trade Union

On worker participation, the Commission is preparing a cils to complement its Green Paper on worker representation at board level. It is working on proposals to extend social security and protect minimum wages, and to deve-

poorer (who have more inflation rates anyway).

The sole effect of resurrecting this idea now will be to frighten employers away from cooperating with unions, governments and Commission in the area where such cooperation the area where such cooperation the area where such cooperation the really needed—in the probably the single most important requirement for the result-being of European resible that portant requirement for the future well-being of European society. And it is possible that faster progress can be made to restructure European industry, and reduce unemployment levels, than today seems fea-

> A social policy which focused on these objectives would have to be much more closely linked with economic and with industrial policy at Community level than has Community level than has been the case. This is another reason why the president him-self should be seen to play an active role in this field.

Everyone knows

Britain, but

just how serious is it

there is drug abuse i

it is only a matter of time before Mr Rees, the Home Secretary, or Mr Ennals, his counterpart at the Department of Health, are questioned in the Commons on Britain's drug abuse problems.

Almost a decade after the last scare about narcotic abuse in Britain there are signs that the searchlight of public in-terest will soon be glaring on the problem again. Once there were fears that London would become another New York, now comparisons are being made with Amsterdam, now the heroin capital of Europe.

Ministers may be asked how big the problem is? They may be asked what addictive drugs are being abused apart from heroin and how many users there are? It will be difficult for the ministers to give any accurate enswer.

Since 1969 when the drug dependency clinics were opened, the Home Office has published figures annually for and the number receiving treatment. Civil servants said this was the best they could do and very few addicts were omitted.

They argued that examination of the figures for deaths by overdosing provided a check on whether or not the problem was growing. It was said these figures reflected the use of heroin outside the system of clinics since death by overdosing should not occur among registered addicts receiving prescribed supplies. Now it is admitted that few

of the figures provide an accurate indication of the size of the abuse problem or the idlicit drugs trade. In 1975, the last year for which figures have been published, the Home Office reported 3,340 notified narcotic addicts. Drug squad officers were then talking about at least double this number actually existing in and outside the clinics.

It can be argued that drug squads have a vested interest in inflating the situation but civil servants are now admitting that the grey area outside their statistics is bigger than they were earlier prepared to admit.

One reason is that heroin smoking has become a fashion among addicts and would-be addicts, which means that they will rake longer to come to the notice of doctors than if they took heroin intravenously with all the attendant risks of dirty Michael Shanks needles and doubtful concocdoubt as an indica narcotics anyway. There is a suspi-

doctors who are exp report suspected add not always do so bec taken as an intrusion confidentiality of th and are loath to cut cion alone patient rel Or in some cases they spor the signs or lack to do so.

A survey taken in 62 casualty departments showed that in one mu tors dealt with 477 cas the patient was thoug or was an addict but i

In some cases be pointless to do s may be multiple drug neither is classified a able. In the first case with alcohol and in the parbiturates remain o

Figures for these to gories of drug abuser do not exist althou Home Office has in t highlighted the multiple as the major drug pro this decade. The var drugs, including bark and heroin, make it dif pin the number down. In the case of bear addiction a study number of deaths frotaking gives a very sur cation. In 1974 there ideaths from the drug

was double the numbe narcotics. What the ministers at officials are left with knowledge that a texists and may be ex but no way of gau-accurately as yet. I nature of the drug culture they probably ne even if in some way the ple user and the bard addict are drawn into the

fication net. For six years the ment of Health has been to improve the figures I cotics addicts. Now the centemplating the use drug squads and their fi drug squads and their n
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Stewart Te

The Times Diary

Into the 20th century at last

It is 94 years since it made its flickering debut in the streets power station still pumps out of London, and it is 20 years the megawatts. This last dark since the 37 inhabitants of one corner of England has been of the most remote communi-ties in England asked if they could have it. Now they are at last about to receive the benefits of Michael Faraday's much-Wasdale Head consists of four farms, two cottages, a hotel, a camping site, a climbing hut, and the second smallest church in the country. It clings to a pocket-handkerchief of stony ground between England's highest mountain and her deep-est lake, where hardy men tend hardier sheep, and receive snowstorms of interference on their television screens because of unreliable diesel generators.

corner of England has been promised light at the end of March.

This is one of the drawbacks This is one of the drawbacks of living in an area of outstanding natural beauty. The North-Western Electricity Board were, understandably, forbidden to string wires on overhead pylons up the valley. To lay the cable underground all the way would have cost about £100,000 and their according to Stanley that, according to Stenley Bulmer, the board's area manager, would have meant asking each household for an installation charge of £10,000.

After years of indecision and delay, a satisfactory compromise has been reached. The Countryside Commission has provided a grant of £27,000: of unreliable diesel generators.

Hemmed in by Scafell Pike,
Great Gable and Kirk Feli on
the one side, and the dark, still
depths of Wastwater on the
other, Wasdale Head proclaims
itself as the birthplace of rock
climbing. It is five miles from
the nearest mains electricity,
Wind. climbing. It is five miles from cruited under the Job Creation two and a half gallons of duty. Now we have no money left to residents retain some scepticism dramatic some scepticism of amatic some scepticism dramatic some

and on the bed of the lake. with only two short and discreet stretches, mounted on small wooden poles, showing above ground. The householders of Wasdale Head will be paring \$450 creb to be wind. be paying £450 each to be wired up to civilization.

Bill Bailey, assistant manager of the Wastwater Hotel, has mixed feelings about it. The

ment. The new Commission will have to retrieve the situa-

tion, by producing a more convincing programme and fight-ing for it with rather more vigour than its predecessors were able to muster.

for environmental control

The social action programme

measures to promote employ-ment, equal opportunities for

migrant workers, rehabilitation of the disabled, anti-poverty measures, improvements in

social protection, and so on.

The programme was broadly successful in its first two

years, but during 1976 the pace

of achievement fell away sharply, leaving large parts of

the programme uncompleted by the end of the year. These

measures (largely concerned with action to help migrants and the extension of social

protection) will presumably be carried out during 1977.

But more important than the

seas aid.

mixed feelings about it. The hotel has been asked for a £2,000 connexion charge. A year ago, not aware that mains power would come so soon, they installed two large and costly diesel generators, which run the lights, storage heaters, beer pumps and microwave ovens.

"We have waited for it for long enough. Had we known it would actually arrive, we would never have put the new generators in. They have broken down four times, and we have to get a man all the way from Manchester to repair them. And they can only take a limited load; sometimes, if a guest brings his own electric blanket, we have to offer him a choice between a warm bed and a hot between a warm bed and a hot neal, not both." Electrification vill mean being able to put electric kettles in all the rooms. Scott Naylor tends sheep on a huge acreage of steep, bleak fellside. He too has a generator, which on a quiet day drinks two and a half gallons of dury



This historic sign was photo-graphed in Cairo in 1941 by an RAF comrade of Bernard Driver, of Upham, Hampshire.

They had bought a freezer in anticipation of the new power and were trying it out on the generator, but had to unplug if they wanted to use anything else. Fresh meat has, until now, been a once-a-formight treat. been a once-a-fortnight treat.

Kath Naylor, standing by the huge solid-fuel range in her farmhouse kitchen, was bemoaning the recent explosion of her washing machine. "Something got overloaded, and it went up in smoke. It's the same with the electric mixer; when I switch it on all the lights go dim. And the relavision is a dead loss."

too. The National Trust camp to be is to have hot showers and the climbing club hut is to have hot showers and they climbing club hut is to have hot showers and they came to was divided on whether to pay for the privilege; some members said they came to Wasdale to get away from such things, while others argued that after a day on the high fells a bit of heat was a great relief. The softies won the day, and they electric mixer; when I switch it on all the lights go dim. And the television is a dead loss." Mrs Naylor's principal worry
was the tiny church, of which
she is warden. "We have
cleaned out the funds paying
£450 for the connexion charge.

The day, and they
to paid their £450.

In spite of labourers digging
trenches outside their from
doors, and engineers hauling
feels of cable up the valley, the

preacher than to the congrega-

Mrs Buchanan is expecting her baby at about the time of the switch-on. Her farmhouse kitchen has a gigantic Aga

softies won the day, and they

church, and the vicar comes who, when canvassed by Norweb only once a formight." At the 14 years ago about the desirmoment it has two oil lamps ability of mains power, rushed and a portable gas heater, which is of more benefit to the electric kettle. It is still in its electric kettle. It is still in its

Traffic jums in Lagos, the capital of Nigeria, have become so bad that a new edict bans kitchen has a gigantic Aga range and a vacuum cleaner. "We've paid so much for the connexion, we can't afford any fancy gadgets. And don't you go writing that I'm buying a deep-freeze, or any bed-and-breakfast customers will be expecting banquets", she said cheerily.

Casual visitors to this stark and beautifid valley will benefit too. The National Trust camp site is to have hot showers and

Woweee!!

P. H. Simpligessverk, my economics correspondent, writes:
Raise the roof! Clap your feet! Let the golden wedding bells chime! The trade figures for December (traditionally a traditional month) show that Britain is once again bouncing into the black at last. Even taking into account in visible and seasonal factors, the figures show that Britain has a



(Surely it's a case for

deficit of £309 million will be completely obliterated. Shares, Government stocks and jubilation all experienced a

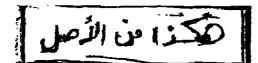
sharp upturn in Throgmorton Street. Brokers cracked cham pagne bottles as the Financial Times index soared through the roof to a barely precedented 374.4.

It is notable that this start-

ling improvement has place less than a week af Prime Minister took ove trol of the economy fro discredited Chancellor. lant James Callaghan sa terday: "This just show can happen when you firm hand on the tiller. "Although it is unw read too much into one n figures, I can confident dict that by this time month we shall have unemployment and cut in by two-thirds and sterlin be riding high. Income tr-be down, beer and cig-cheaper, pensions will What will you Monning M find to write about th wonder? "At last we have it

We have turned the corne can hardly see for the da brightness of the light end of the tunnel. We a short, on our way." Vext week: New crisis

alph Bakshi, the latest or to attempt a film of J. Tolkien's Lord of the says he envisages Middle as being somewhere in English Midlands. The fowill never recover if his E turns out to have a



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EY, ROUND THE CORNER

>, has its reflexes ; and one of is an annual outburst of less optimism. All New Year ioria needs to be seasonally ected. But on this occasion e is more than just the New behind the sudden outbreak hirpiness, which even extento a solemn assurance with 1e authority of the BBC News Monday that we have inded the corner". Interest ; are now thought to have ed their peak and to face a downward slope.

le International Monetary d has approved, to the extent s facilities, support for sterand the Government's omic strategy. A "safety has been suspended under pound; and the Government committed themselves to ng off the official sterling nces within a defined period. trade figures for December : much better than generally cted; and in consequence current account deficit on the ace of payments in 1976 ed out at only just over 10m, rather than at close to Mm as seemed likely a few

re pound itself has been maining its solid recovery from brink of disaster at the end ctober. Government spending been reined back so often for the first time since the there is now the prospect of actual fall in spending from year to the next. And the is of the IMF credit imply e constraint on the ability of Government or their sucors to cast care to the winds he first sign of a swallow, ite the regrettable comments ie Governor of the Bank of land on Monday emphasizing 'flexibility" of these bonds. ris, however, is all shortstuff. It should not be otten that rats in enclosed 38 spend their lives turning ers without any discernible covergent in their position. real question is which ers have been turned. There

at least three. 1e is the immediate corner echnical strength in money kets. This has been turned, ough it should be added that as only the palpable laxness unemployment and the benign

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Year, like spring and harvest of the Chancellor's 1976 Budget currents that lead through deficit, aggravated by the still unexplained torpor which overtook those in the Bank of England who should have been selling gilt-edged securities last August, which put us on the wrong side of that corner in the

first place. It is at least a necessary condition of any more enduring progress that the authorities should have the money supply under effective control, to which end it is certainly helpful that public expenditure should be thought to be under better control, albeit at too high an absolute level, and that interest rates should be thought likely to decline during the months ahead. It is further helpful that the pound should be thought to be better protected than before from the supposed threat of irrational movements of short-term funds, and that a steady improvement in the balance of payments should be generally taken for granted.

None of this means, however, that Britain has rounded any of the more prominent capes which bar her passage to calmer waters. In particular there are two; and it is arguable that they lie in opposed directions, that to round one would be to move farther down wind of the other.

There is the corner of the conventional four-year cycle of expansion and recession, the dividing line between falling and rising unemployment. A year ago it seemed for a while that we might be beginning to round that corner. In the event the weakness of world trade and the strength of personal savings have falsified that expectation; and now there is no credible prospect of output rising faster in 1977 than productive potential.

The recession is likely to get deeper in 1977 and probably again in 1978, if present policies are maintained and world trade does not outperform even the more optimistic forecasts. It is for precisely this reason that it is possible to begin to take a more positive view of the prospects of rounding the other cave, the third corner. That is the division between the dismal experience of accelerating inflation and rising average levels of

stability to a maintainable prosperity.

The great menace looming over the economy and indeed perhaps over the stability of Britain's political institutions has been the threat of reflation, the danger that, following the pattern of every previous postwar economic cycle acted out in the sincere spirit of Keynesian full-employment economics, the Government would be driven to stoke up the next, and probably fatal, boom for the sake of some short-term alleviation of the trend of memployment.

This has not happened, partly through the fortifude of the Chancellor, for all his aggravating betises, in resisting crude fiscal and monetary expansionism of the Maudling-Barber type and partly through the good fortune that Mr Healey preferred to put his faith in an export boom which never materialized. In consequence we have so far been spared, for eighteen months beyond the normal cyclical timing, the kind of boom which merely boosts the long-term trend of inflation after a brief and soon reversed dip in unemployment.

The acid question remains whether the Government, any government, can go on indefinitely resisting the political pressure to move in this direction, even though it may take years before the effects of endemic recession on pay determination and work practices eventually begin to bring unemployment down. Here it is the prospects for pay restraint which become decisive.

The incomes policy has eroded differentials, damaged incentives and led to countless anomalies; it will not be possible to continue it in its present form, but if there is a pay explosion this autumn and the political and economic analogies with 1969 are powerfully suggestive—then unemployment will begin to rise sharply with the sharp rise in costs and prices, as they did in 1970-71. That will put pressure on the Government to neutralize the effects by printing money. It is open to question whether the political fabric could withstand either development without permanent damage.

JDIA'S ELECTIONS ARE WELCOME

cs of her state of emergency ained a believer in parlia--stary democracy and that her temporary. The course of which its edicts have been ied to Indian society tested that Mrs Gandhi estly believed what she said,

that in so far as she believed and constantly med—that her choices were nade for the good of India, was capable of deceiving elf about the real nature of ical freedom. This may still rue. The fault may persist. a welcome should be given the less to yesterday's nuncement that elections will eld in March.

re election may do little to iffirm the power of the ile"—to borrow a phrase
Mrs Gandhi's left-wing oric. It will be a long time re elections in India can do What it will do is to give ter government a standing it has plainly lacked since emergency was declared. re can be little doubt that gress will be returned. What ht be informative is to learn ther the claims made for the ess of the emergency among masses—peasants feeling that old burdens have been lifted

Gandhi's retort to any end to inflation and stable prices would be embarrassing with a sof her state of emergency —are reflected in the majority. government so well-disposed adia has always been that she That should be enormous if the towards the Soviet Union-left-

claims are true. the promise also made in Mrs Gandhi's broadcast that the emergency and the manner elections will be accompanied by a relaxation of the emergency. The details of this relaxation are awaited, though something was implied by Mrs Gandhi's appeal for political parties to eschew violence while putting all points of view. She believed that the health of the country, deemed to be so sick when the emergency was found to be necessary, was being nursed back to normal. The hospital analogy may seem somewhat disturbing. The nurse's goodwill, behind which stands the doctor's firm and sole judgment, is not one that truly reflects the character of political

freedom. Certainly measures to free the Indian press from this fussy, desperately unimaginative, bureaucratic censorship will be watched with interest. (Outgoing messages from foreign correspondents were removed some time ago from censorship.) One recent example was the political mease in Congress over Mr Sanjay Gandhi's constant and outspoken criticism of the pro-Moscow Communist Party of India, until recently an active partner in Mrs Gandhi's Govern-1 them, or urban money-users ment. While the allegiance still shing a stable currency, an survives in name—anything else

wing members of Congress have Rather more doubts hang over been protesting at Mr Sanjay he promise also made in Mrs Gandhi's action. They resent his anti-communist and right-wing attitudes, coupled with the political power he has acquired as leader of the Congress youth. Such conflicts are not surprising; they are inherent in political life. But nothing of this could appear in the Indian press. The censors banned it completely. If India's political debate is to have any life at all this is the sort of dampener that will have to go.

Her tone implies that Mrs Gandhi does not want to lose her grip on the country. It is in political life that a willingness to trust people must be revived. There could be far too strong an impulse to admit only the approved. This was illustrated by the opposition parties' readiness to disown violence and their desire two months ago for a dialogue as a body with Mrs Gandhi. This was unacceptable, not for those political parties which Mrs Gandhi sees as reflections of Congress-Communists and Socialists on the left and others on the right—but because the Hindu-rooted Jan Sangh was joined with them. Like it or not, the Jan Sangh has a larger mass base in northern India than any other of the opposition parties.

tht of jury trial n Mr Victor Lissack

For some time now, I have the correspondence and also orial comments in relation to the osed Criminal Law Bill and I compelled, as one of those who privileged to sign the James ort, to write to you at this time. rusing the various letters that appeared so far, one would k that by going for trial there 1 automatic passport to acquittal. taps one might be allowed to been reported of a police ector, a county councillor and a magistrate, all of whom were sed in separate cases of shopus in different parts of the

ttry who were convicted in spite

exercising their precious

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hat really is the objection to suggestion as put forward in James Report? Presumably all id agree that if property ged, any offender, be he a up or a barrow-boy, should be ricted. It is, however, true that es do acquit from time to time ninor cases, but this decision often nothing to do with the size, but is arrived at either of sympathy or a sense of tration at having to hear such rivial case, particularly if the rious trial that the jury has been carned with is something of a

hose who talk with such passion the narrow-minded and middles magistrate who always cons, also talk in glowing terms of clear-sighted and unbiased man. What they really are say-is let us keep available for all

: serious nature.

a system of trial where the result attractive, but perhaps if magistrates often has little to do with the

evidence.
It is disturbing to read Mr Wallace's letter (January 14). By extracting suitable quotes from our Report, to suit his argument, he has made all sorts of suggestions which are not relevant to this subject. The underlying reasons for the recommendations, basically, are to get the right case in the right court, bearing in mind modern society, to try and counteract the increasing backlog of cases at the Crown Court and to modernize the system following a lengthy examination of all-

aspects of it.

The right of election is only touched upon very slightly by our Report, change of any sort always brings with it criticism. One only has to think back to the introduction of the breathalyser law and the hue and cry" that went up. Now it is accepted as being a very proper part of our motoring law.

Only one reader so far has drawn attention to the fact that anybody dealt with by magistrates has an automatic right of appeal before a judge of the Crown Court sitting with magistrates, where a complete re-hearing takes place. This right does not exist where a person uses the cherished right of election and is convicted by a jury at the Crown Court. In that event, only will an appeal be successful if it can be because to the Court of Appeal that shown to the Court of Appeal that the trial judge's summing up con-tained some basic error, or alternatively that the verdict is unsafe or

unsatisfactory.
No one would pretend that perfection exists in magistrates' courts, and indeed Chapter 7 of the Report contains a number of recommendations to make summary trial more

were given a diet that contained other ingredients than Section 1 committals or contested motoring cases, it would be demonstrated that they are just as capable of arriving at the "right" decision as juries

How timid will Mrs Gandhi's

are alleged to do. Let us remember what Disraeli said, "Justice is truth in action". Yours faithfully, VICTOR J. LISSACK,

8 Bow Street. Covent Garden, WC2. January 14.

relaxation be?

Death of Gary Gilmore

From Mr Hugh Klare Sir, The execution of Gary Gilmore and the circumstances that surrounded it will have filled many with revulsion. Here was a man who hated life, hated himself and hated others. He may have wanted to atone for killing. But, typically, he could only conceive of doing so by bringing about his own destruction. Twice he tried to kill himself but was forced to live on only to be executed in the name of a society which, by the avid following of this sordid affair, could not do other than degrade itself. Would ir not have been greatly

preferable, in this exceptional case, not to have prevented Gilmore's suicide and so have permitted all concerned to retain a measure of dignity? Yours truly,

hugh J. Klare, 28 Pinville Court, Albert Road, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Release by France of Abu Daoud

From Mr Alistair Horne Sir, Mr Bloch (January 14) is absolutely right in deploring the French release of Abu Daoud as a grave defeat in the war against international terrorism. But your leader, beaded "A Cowardly Decision", seems to smack rather too much of what the French condemn—and not always without reason—as "British hypocrisy". I should have thought it difficult to pass such a high-toned moral judgment without being assured that others would have acted less repre-hensibly in a similar situation. Through they might perhaps have

made a more prolonged show of "doing the right thing", do you honestly believe that, in the long run, any other contemporary government of Western Europe would have acted differently? The only effective way of dealing with Abu Daoud would have been to hand him over to Israeli justice; but would the present British Government (hardly distinguished for its ciric courses. distinguished for its civic courage in other spheres) have taken such a responsibility upon itself? I very much doubt it. One has only to recall the alacrity with which the Heath Government found a "legal formula" for shuffling off Leila Khaled, one of the proneers of Palestician terrorism.

Purely on the track record of their previous handling of terrorists would any German Land or Federal Government have risked either sentencing Abu Daood, or passing him on to Israel? Equally I doubt it. West Germany has been notoriously
"soft" on terrorism in the past
(doubtless, in part, because she
realises that any suggestion of
excess authoritarian zeal now might only provoke on British television yet more odious reminiscences of a harsher German past).

If the Abu Daoud case proves anything, it is that there is no such

thing as a water ight international agreement on terrorism, and if the about-to-be-ratified European Convention is going to mean anything at all, it will require a great deal more teeth put in it. It is no good just taking a holier-than-thou line against the French Government; it may not have acted brilliantly (though this does not amount to "cowardice") but at least it acted with a certain realism.

Yours, etc. ALISTAIR HORNE, Membury House, Ramsbury, January 16.

Atomic waste plant

From Mr Walter Patterson Sir, Friends of the Earth would agree emphatically that "Windscale, Belvoir and Such" (January 8) involve considerations of national, and indeed international, importance, calling for a major policy hearing. It might then, for instance, be possible to ascertain from be possible to ascertain from British Nuclear Fuels Ltd the basis for their allegations that delay in approving an oxide reprocessing plant at Windscale will cost BNFL overseas contracts. BNFL and the French firm of Cogema are partners in United Reprocessors, a joint marketing organization formed in 1971, which also includes the West German firm of KEWA. When in early 1976 Cogema took an inte in the Japanese contract—still, by
the way, unsigned, despite frequent
reports to the contrary—they did
so not as a competitor but as
BNFL's partner. Did BNFL have any choice but to split the contract fifty-fifty? Surely they would have been obliged to do so whenever their partner wished to participate. The same would presumably apply to KEWA—except that KEWA do not have a reprocessing plant, or any clear prospect of financing one. To claim that BNFL will "lose" To claim that BNFL will "lose" overseas contracts requires that they identify a competitor for the business. No such competitor exists. No one except United Reprocessors wishes to become involved in an undertaking with such doubtful prospects. On the contrary, those who are involved, like Allied General and Nuclear Fuel Services in the US, want out, as quickly as in the US, want out, as quickly as possible. A major policy hearing might help to establish why BNFL think otherwise. Yours sincerely, WALTER C. PATTERSON, Friends of the Earth Ltd, 9 Poland Street, W1.

The idea of Europe

From Mr Ronald Harwood Sir, In his speech yesterday (January 11) to the European Parliament, Mr Roy Jenkins, not for the first time, said that the idea of Enrope must be grafted into the lives of its people. He did not say how. When he delivers his more detailed policy statement to the Parliament in February, he may give some indication of what the Con-mission intends in this regard, though one does not hold out much hope for anything but political solutions to what is essentially a

cultural problem. Europe wears a harsh materialist face at present. The Commission concerns itself hardly at all with the artistic life of the member states yet, historically, it is through the arts that ideas have been passed into the consciousness of people. If the Commission truly desires to seek ways in which the European ideal may become a reality, perhaps it should now consider creating a European Arts' Council that will encourage a continuous exchange of artistic activity between the mem-

ber nations. The late Sir Peter Daubeny's World Theatre Season serves as a model of what can be achieved in the theatre; opera, music and ballet could be similarly organized. Major exhibitions of painting and sculpture could be designed to travel from one country to another ; the subsidizing of translations of the substituting of translations of literature, especially contemporary literature, should be given high priority. All this would, I believe, do more to make the "idea of Europe" a reality than the constant repetition by politicians that this is their desired goal. Yours faithfully,

RONALD HARWOOD,

Berrygrove House, West Liss,

Censorship by industrial action

Sir, In reporting my account of some well known but seldom publicized Fleet Street practices, The Times accepted loss of a few thousand pounds and the strains of an industrial dispute. That was most unusual: in fact, I think it was almost unprecedented. I never dared go that far myself, as an editor. And few other newspapers, reviews, or television programmes have come within miles of touching on these taboo subjects.

However, as no single article is likely to change the habits of an industry and as The Times cannot be expected to go on getting itself closed down, how is news of the communication industry's vital internal affairs to reach the public? I don't want to say anything to dis-courage newspapers from doing their best to be truthful about their affairs, but my own belief is that the best hope is that the BBC should develop a new kind of specialist: a media correspondent. He or she should actively investi-gate Fleet Street and all its trade associations and trade unions, not wait for these silent bodies to offer

Anyone doing this job would need much probity and courage, includ-ing a willingness to be unpopular both with potential employers and with fellow journalists. What would be useless would be another exercise like What the Papers Say, which implies that everything in the which implies that everything in the press is a racket, without mentioning those rackets which int back. That exercise is merely one of the media trying to discredit another, through jungle warfare conducted by Maoist guerrillas. Something much more formidable would be needed of the BBC. The task would be to keep the freedom of our channels of communication themselves under some degree of continuing public surveillance.

DAVID ASTOR. 9 Cavendish Avenue, NW8. January 17.

From Mr J. H. Moseley

Sir, As a member of Natsopa machine room staff employed on the printing of *The Times*, I would like to answer some of the allegations made by Mr David Astor in the article which appeared in the newspaper on Friday January 14.

His statement that the printing unions have increased the economic burdens on newspapers by insisting on unreasonably high manning levels and rates of pay, is so obviously untrue that I think the real facts of the matter ought to be presented to your readers. Far from being the villains of the piece, I would remind him that when his own newspaper, The Observer, was on the brink of financial extinction, it was the staff of the machine room (among others) who eventually agreed to considerable staffing reductions in order that the paper would survive.

Many of these had long service with that particular newspaper and were eiver payments, which they agreed to accept in two six-monthly instalments. This, by the way, was the second staff reduction within a

As a result of this "non-coopera-tion" The Observer was given a new lease of life, and the discarded employees were forced to seek work elsewhere. Of all persons least qualified to malign working printers, I would therefore presume it to be Mr Astor himself.

Another of the allegations is that production is sometimes haked by members of chapels holding meet-ings during the press run, but he conveniently omits to add that these meetings are sometimes provoked by some arbitrary decision on the part of management itself.

He alleges sabotage on the part of machine room employees by devious methods of interferring with the running of the press, and then adds in the same breath that "as such acts can never be proved, it survolves no risk to those using in fashion?

them".

If indeed the last qualifying remark is true, why make such inferences in the first instance? We are truly placed in the invidious position of "when did you last bear your wife!" With regard to his assertions of overmanning in Fleet Screet in general, a hard fact of life, well

known to the printing world, although not perhaps to the public at large, is that almost all national newspapers have in the recent past, mutually agreed to very substantial manning reductions. In point of fact, in the case of my own department. we have had two such reductions on our own newspaper. Is this, then, an example of the unions increasing the burdens on proprietors?

The real factor in the diminishing viability of the press is, at the present time, not one of over-menting. Most newspapers were perfectly viable a few years ago even before the era of staff shedding ever began.

If Mr Astor did some real heart

searching, he must be perfectly well aware that the real threats to viability are the high costs of newsprint, the soaring cost of petrol, the increased rail charges, etc. etc.
As for the fabulously high wages rinters are supposed to earn; with the exception of a few highly qualified men on piece work (who are invariably quoted to give the impression that we all earn the same), our basic rates of pay for working nights are most certainly nothing to write home about

For a five night (seven hour) working week, we would compare very unfavourably with many other industries, and there is a total reliance upon various overtime payreliance upon various overtime payments in order to achieve anything like a worthwhile wage. Add to this the fact that we work Sundays and bank holiday nights throughout the year and forgo many social occasions in the process.

One final word on the subject of censorship. I would be oute happy for an editor to print whatever he

for an editor to print whatever he likes and assist him to print it uncensored. Providing of course that the same position in the newspaper was allocated upon the following day's issue for an uncersored reply. Yours, etc,

J. H. MOSELEY, Natsona (London Machine Branch), New Printing House Square. January 15.

From Mr James Chater Sir, My congratulations on your refusal to yield to trade union pressure over your report on David Astor's article for Index on Censorship, and for today's splendid leader (January 15). If such courage were more widespread we would by now have overcome our most pressing problems. Yours faithfully. JAMES CHATER,

Crown House, Great Haseley, Oxford. January 15.

Sir, How did freedom of the press become freedom of the editor (to print what he alone wishes)? "Press" and "editor" are not synonyms. Yours faithfully. MATTHEW HOFEMAN, 219 Archway Road, No. January 15.

From Mr Matthew Hofiman

From Mrs Ann Carr and others Sir, We fully support your stand against censorship by the trade unions. We are Liberals and not concerned to "bash the unions", but are much alarmed at their

overweening power. What is to be done? Yours, etc. ANN CARR LUCY CARR, Linton Court, Duke Street, Settle, North Yorkshire. January 15.

Press Council ruling

From Mrs Maureen Colquhoun, MP for Northampton North (Labour) Sir, It ill becomes Lord Shawcross, Chairman of the Press Council, in accuse MPs of not getting their facts right (Letters, January 7).

It really is time that he got his facts right.

But perhaps he is unaware that the Press Council actually issued two press releases and that the one that I received (and Lord Shaw-cross?) was withdrawn, and a second release was issued that was surprisingly rewritten under pres-sure from the Daily Mail. The opening paragraph which roundly criticized them and their tactics was changed and watered down. A new paragraph was inserted which read:

"The Council goes on to make an important pronouncement on the privacy of MPs."

I suggest Lord Shawcross should reexamine this second press release with the greatest care. Then per-haps a third press release should be insued that does make clear the intentions of the Council about the press and the private lives not only of MPs but of all cinizens, and perhaps in this process I too would merit some protection.

In my view the behaviour of the Press Council over this case; the language of their press releases; the wet decision, was offensive. The fact that Lord Shaweross giving evidence to the Royal Commission on the Press could not bring himself to reveal the name of the newspaper he was talking about, but thought it proper to bandy around my name does show a bias to the press which is quite unjustified.

I have in my possession the transcript of a Capital Radio programme called Invasion of Privacy. During the course of the pro-gramme Nigel Demoster prevented Arthur Latham, MP, quoting from the original press release. Demoster

a You are reading out something that was withdrawn by the Press Council, under representations from the Daily Mail and their

lawyers. . . . You ere reading a press

release which was withdrawn and if that had gone out we would have sued.... That was withdrawn and a new press release was put out....

It was written up in The Times and in the Daily Mail."

Was Lord Shawcross aware that this had happened, and if he was aware of it is it not disgraceful that the Daily Mail has the power to change, under threat of suing, a Press Council press release in order to make it more favourable to that requipaper? Yours, etc.

MAUREEN COLQUHOUN, House of Commons. January 8.

From Mr Paul Sieghart Sir, On other occasions when Lord Shawcross has written to you as Chairman of the Press Council, his letters have been admirably clear. That I fail to understand his last one (January 17), must therefore be my fault. Might I ask him, through you, to relieve my confusion?

(1) What "redress" is it to some one whose privacy has been infringed to be told, in public and after the event, that the Press Council agreed with him?

(2) Am I quite wrong in seeming to remember that, not all that many years ago, the editor of a national newspaper announced that he would publish someone's memoirs, the Press Council announced that this would constitute an indefensible infringement of its code, the editor published them notwithstanding, and his newspaper continues to thrive?

Devising laws which would protect privacy without fettering the press as an essential guardian of our freedom of speech and opinion is admittedly difficult, though I for one believe that it is not impossible given some effort and common sense. But Lord Shawcross has not yet persuaded me that the Press Council's present powers are enough to make the continued search for such a law unnecessary. Yours, etc.

PAUL SIEGHART,

6 Gray's Ion Square, WC1. January 18.

Is virginity now

From Mr Jon Wynne-Tyson Sir, While holding no brief for some aspects of Barbara Cartland's gluti-nous picture of ideal men and women, I suspect that the bulk of Western males still prefer, however illogically and unworthily, to marry pure" women. It may be unfair of them, but they do.

And is it surprising? There is something singularly unautractive about those male-aping aggressive and licentious women who so often claim to represent the liberated con-dition. Nor are the academic Mss who have written so passionately Very representative.

A probably large majority of

women distrust pornography, seek a man's love (however shallow) if not b's idealizing, and are adversely affected by emulating his promiscuity. Although they may not receive quite the adoration, worship and cossering that Miss Cartland feels is their right, they may be fair enough to admit that the be fair enough to admit that the average upliberated man, at the end of a typical day in the rat race, has not quite enough energy to live up to her operetra-like vision of the adoring husband-lover.

Nevertheless, if women could aim at being more feminine, in the best sense of that word, and less masculine, in the worst, their status and influence would rocket. Miss Cartland's reasoning is not all such irrational drivel as Ms Bishop

suggests.

However unintellectual her novels may be, Miss Cartland has her dainty feet planted firmly on the ground and knows a lot more about what most men and women seek in a relationship than do most liberated belligerents. That is why her books sell like hot cakes, for all that their icing is a sickly, melting

Yours sincerely, ION WYNNE-TYSON, Fontwell. West Sussex January 16.

From Miss Rosalind Stewart Sir, I feel that Patricia Bishop (Letters, January 15), in lamenting the "appalling lack of discrimination among contemporary readers", is taking Miss Cartland's harmless pap too seriously. People, while reading her novels, may have fanta-sies of being "loved, adored, worshipped, cosseted and protected", but would not wish for it in real life. Would Agatha Christie fans

really want to find bodies in their

libraries? Yours faithfully, ROSALIND STEWART, 16 Ferncroft Avenue, NW3. January 15.

Subsidized phone calls From Mr Richard Wood, MP for

Bridlington (Conservative) Sir, When I paid my telephone bill recently, I found that the calls I had made cost me more than double identical calls from a public telephone box. I no doubt ought to pay for the extra convenience of tele-phoning in comfort; but I assume that this is covered by the rental of my telephone. Beyond the rental, I pay one penny more for each "unit" than I should be charged in a call box; and, finally, VAT on the total. I clean and maintain my own telephone and the area surrounding it; and, hopefully, do not have to

protect it against vandals. In reply to my comments on this, the Post Office tells me that "our customers generally pay charges that contain an element to enable us to continue to provide this service (call

boxes) to the community at large ".
Whenever I press for easier terms on behalf of the old, poor, disabled or otherwise housebound in my constituency, the Post Office tells me (no doubt rightly) that it is not operating a social service. I still find it difficult to understand, in these circumstances, why call box users should be indistriminately subsishould be indiscriminately subsi-dized, while many others with greater needs have to pay the economic rate. Yours faithfully, RICHARD WOOD. House of Commons.

Sleeper reservations

January 15.

From Mr Sheridan Morley Sir, Complaints about British Rail, though not exactly infrequent in your columns, are inclined to be repetitive and largely concerned with money or punctuality. I think I may have discovered an altogether new area of railway misery: sleeper reservations.

Wishing to travel to Liverpool one afternoon, fulfil an engagement there that evening and be back in London early the next morning, I presented myself at a large Euston desk marked "Sleeper Reserva-

"I would like to book and buy a sleeper ticket from Liverpool for one night next week."
"No."

"You mean you're full that night?" Not necessarily." You mean there's no sleeper from Liverpool?"

"Yes, there is a sleeper. No, you can't book a berth on it."
"Why not?" "Because we have no allocation from Liverpool. Sleeper reservations to Liverpool, yes; from Liverpool,

"So what do I do?" "You book it at Liverpool." "But I shan't be there until the afternoon before the night I want

vacancies by then?"

"Quite possibly not."

"So what should I do?" "Come back the next day instead."

Inefficiency is one thing; but a mind that can work out Catch-22 situations of this geographic complexity must surely have a future somewhere more exciting than a railway booking office. Government,

Yours sincerely, SHERIDAN MORLEY. Punch, 23-27 Tudor Street, EC4, January 14.



COURT CIRCULAR

SANDRINGHAM January 18: The Lady Susan flussey has succeeded the Hon Morrison as Lady in Waiting to The Queen.

YORK HOUSE
January 18: The Duchess of Kent
today launched the new bulk
carrier Welsh Voyager for Welsh
Ore Carriers Limited at the shipyard of Austin and Pickersgill Limited in Sunderland. Her Royal Highness, who travelled in an aircraft of The

Forthcoming marriages

Mr A. J. Barr-Sim and Mrs E. S. MacGregor The engagement is announced between Andrew John Barr-Sim, Blair House, New Street, Henley-on-Thames, and Evelyn Susan Mac-Gregor, Spring Cottage, Greys Road, Henley-on-Thames.

Dr D. W. Cranston The engagement is announced between David, eldest son of Mr and Mrs R. W. Cranston, of Bywater, Laleham, Middlesex, ard Rosemary, only daughter of Dr and Mrs R. C. Bird, of Sadlers, Inkpen, Berkshire.

Mr E. W. Elwes and Miss M. F. House

and Miss M. F. House

The engagement is announced hetween Edward, son of the late Major J. H. Elwes, MC, and Mrs I. P. I. Talbut, of Colesbourne, and Margaret, daughter of Dr R. J. House and the late Mrs J. M. House, of Tewkesbury. Dr G. Gabriel

and Miss L. H. Munn
The engagement is announced between Gabriel, only son of the late Mr Z. P. Gabriel and of Mrs E. Gabriel, of 13 Southmead Close. Chertton, Folkestone, and Linder Hamilton, yourgar. Lindsey Hamilton, younger daughter of Dr and Mrs A. Munn, of Avenue Jules Cear 30, 1150 Brussels, and The Larches, Alder-

ley Edge, Cheshire. Mr N. P. Milne
and Miss C. A. Fawcus
The engagement is announced
between Nigel, son of Mr and Mrs
P. H. M. Milne, of The Old
Farmhouse, Steeple Morden,
Royston, Hertfordshire, and
Cherry, daughter of Mr and Mrs
H. J. Fawcus, of DunchurchVinton Hall, near Rugby,
Warwickshire.

Air G. S. Thomson Gibson and Miss C. S. Beauchamp The engagement is announced between Graeme, son of the Rev T. and Mrs Thomson Gibson, of Eadminton, and Caroline, daughter of Commander J. L. S. Beau-champ, RN (retd), of Bratton, Wiltshire, and Mrs J. Beauchamp, of Kensington.

Mr J. W. Watson and Miss J. S. Morrish The engagement is announced between John, son of Colonel S. J. Watson, MBE, and Mrs Watson, of Ballingarrane, Clonmel, co Tipperary, and Julia, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs J. K. Morrish, Ham Farm, Wellington, Somerset.

Marriages

Mr A. Macleod

and Miss G. Malcolm

Today's engagements

Exhibition: Unofficial Russian

art, Institute of Contemporary Arts, Nash House, The Mall,

12-6.
Exhibition of New South Wales stamps, Gibbous Gallery, 399
Strand, 9.30-4.30.
Lunchtime music: Jane Burier, soprano, Susan Smith, clarinet, Jonathan Alder, piano, St. Olave's Church, City, 1.05.
Poggal Mens oven to public

Royal Mews, open to public, Buckingham Palace Road, 2-4.

The Right Rev Dr S. F. Allison, 70; Major-General Raymond

70; Major-General Raymond Briggs, 82: Lord Glentoran, 65; Colonel Terence Maxwell, 72; Sir Joseph Pauron, 81; Sir Victor Raikes. 76; Sir John Ritchie, 73; the Earl of Wemyss and March, 65.

Birthdays today

Lieutenancy of

Greater London

Queen's Flight, was attended by Miss Jane Pugh. THATCHED HOUSE LODGE

January 18: Princess Alexandra this afternoon visited the Rouse of St Barnabas-in-Soho. Miss Mona Mitchell was in attendance.

Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother will attend a service in Westminster Abbey to mark the sixtieth admiversary of the forma-tion of the women's Services on March 2

Queen Elizabeth the Occass Mother, Chancellor of Loeden University, will preside at a ceremony for the presentation of degrees at the Albert Hall on March 9.

A memorial service for Admiral Sir Deric Holland-Martin will be held in Worcester Cathedral on Friday, January 21, at 2.30 pm. Serving naval officers attending should wear uniform, with swords and medals.

M. J. C. Cointepas
and Miss I. M. Jazdowska
The engagement is announced
between Jean Claude, son of M
and Mrne G. Cointepas, of Paris
and Port aux Poules, Algeria, and
Isabella, daughter of Mr and Mrs
O. B. Jazdowski, of 27 Avonmore
Road, London, W14 8RP.

Mr I. C. Davis
and Miss P. C. Bloss
The engagement is announced
between Inn Charles. son of Mr
end Mrs W. G. Davis, of I Lawn
Close, Swanley, Kent, and Frances
Celia, daughter of Mr and Mrs
D. F. Moss, of Rosebery House,
Inverkeiting, Fife.

Mr K. R. Good
and Miss F. S. Krish
The engagement is announced
between Keith, younger con of Mr
and Mrs W. T. Good, of Robertsbridge, Sussex, and Felicity, elder
daughter of Mr and Mrs I. R.
Krish, of Farnham, Surrey.

and Miss J. E. Carrington
The engagement is announced
between David, son of Mr and
Mrs C. T. Hardy, of Johannesburg,
South Africa, and Jill. daughter
of Mr and Mrs A. F. Carrington,
of Mill Hill, London.

Mr S. P. Markeson

and Miss I. J. Dunt
The engagement is announced
between Stephen Peter. younger
son of Mr and Mrs M. Markeson,
of Church Crescent, Frierp Barnet. and Isobel Jane, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs O. A. Dunt, of Ashfield, Ardleigh, Essex.

Mr J. S. Mehew and Miss C. J. Plumbly and Miss C. J. Plumbly
The engagement is announced
between James Stanley, son of
Mrs C. N. Mehew, of St Albans,
Pertfordshire, and the late Mr S.
Mehew, CBE, and Christine Janet,
elder daughter of Mr and Mrs
S. J. Plumbly, of Quidenham, Norfolk.

Mr J. Passmore and Miss D. Willmott The engagement is announced between Jeremy, second son of Mr and Mrs John Passmore, of Florance House, Groombridge, Tunbridge Wells, and Diana, youngest daughter of Mr Peter Willmott, of Linden Close, Rufforth, York, and the late Mrs Elanche Willmott.

Unofficial Soviet artists' work on show

By Kenneth Gosling Arts Reporter

Western artists were criticized yes-terday by one of a group who are taking part in a London ex-hibition of unofficial art from the Soviet Union, the most compre-hensive yet staged.

nensive yet staged.

Mr Victor Kubak said: "They tend to be trying to do something which will shock the public, but the main task of the artist, after all, is to create beauty, which all of us need at the present time."

He said there should be an attempt to get out of the vicious circle where the modern arrist was trying to frighten the public and the public was frightened of the artist.

artist.

Mr Alexander Glezer, who left Russla with half the 170 paintings in the exhibition at the ICA Gallery, which is open until February 27, said that when a similar exhibition was opened in Moscow, 40 artists were refused permission to show. They decided to go to Leningrad to show in private flats, but when they arrived there they were detained by the police and sent back to Moscow.

One of them, Mr Oscar Rabin.

One of them, Mr Oscar Rabin, was arrested and spent 24 hours in a police station. "I telephoned him yesterday and found he was under house arrest, surrounded by policemen and unable to get out",

nolicemen and unable to get out", Mr Glezer said.

A letter from Mr Rabin and others had been sent to him and it disclosed that the trade union organization formed for unofficial artists to join was under the control of the KGB.

Air Michael Scammell, director of the Webers and Scholars Edu-Air Michael Scammell, director of the Writers and Scholars Educational Trust, which organized the exhibition, said he doubted whether admission charges would do more than cover the cost of organizing it.

Any profits would be divided three ways, between the ICA, the Russian Museum in Exile, near Paris, and the trust.

Composer's visit: Aram Khacha-

raris, and the trust.

Composer's visit: Aram Khachaturian, the Armenian composer, who is conducting two concerts of his own music in London next week with the London Symphony Orchestra, answered questions about his country's artistic policy towards its country's artistic policy towards its country's artistic policy towards its composers at a press conference yesterday (a Staff Reporter writes).

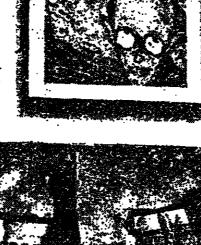
Luncheon

Foreign and Commonwealth Office Mr Edward Rowlands, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was host at a luncheon at 1 Carlton Gardens yesterday in honour of Rear-Admiral Ramón Jiménez, Secretary of State for External Relations, Dominican Republic. Among the guests were: the guests were: the guests were:
The Ambassador of the Dominican
Republic, the Jamaican High Commilstoner, Senor Million Messina, Senor
Andres Julio Espinal, Sir William
Atkins, Sur Finn Stow, Mr E. Y.
White, Mr F. Martin, Mr E. Y.
White, Mr J. Martin, Mr A. R.
Fribbe, Mr J. Peter Ford, Mr G. L.
Walkden and Mr S. M. Mackenzie.

Mr M. R. Vlieland-Eoddy and Miss A. M. Hoghes
The engagement is aunounced between Martin, son of Mrs E. A. Harley, of Majaga, Spalu, and Mr R. M. Boddy, of London, S.W.13, and Anne, daughter of Mr and Mrs M. D. Hughes, of Ewell, Surrey.

Difficers

Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress entertained the Court of Aldermen, the Sherifts and the High Officers of the Corporation and their ladies, at dinner at the Mansion House last night. Royal Society of Medicine Sir Gordon Wolstenholme, Presi-dent of the Royal Society of Medicine, accompanied by Lady Wolstenholme, presided at a council dinner at 1 Wimpole Street yesterday evening. The principal guest and speaker was Lord Kilbrandon.



OBITUARY

David Charles Watherston was born on February 26, 1907, and educated at Westminster School and Christ Church, Ox-

ford. He became a Cadet in the Malayan Civil Service in

1930 and was seconded to the Colonial Office from 1939 to

Planning Unit in 1944-5 and was with the British Military Administration, Malaya, in

In 1946, soon after the libera-tion of Malaya from the Japanese occupation, he was appointed Secretary of the Con-stitutional Working Committee which created the new Federa-tion of Malaya to replace the

in the aftermath of the war and anxieties for the future.

The new Federation success-

reached the summit of Everest

with Doug Scott by the difficult south-west face of the mountain.

For him it was the high point of a remarkable climbing career

and the success by a British

expedition was acknowledged as carrying the sport of moun-

taineering into a new epoch.

Haston was born near Edinburgh where his father was a

age of 93.

Oxford, as an exhibitioner in 1902. He joined the staff of Lancing College in 1906, remaining there until 1918, when he succeeded Selwyn as Warden of Radley College. He had in

the meantime taken holy orders, being ordained by the Bishop of Chichester in 1911.

At Radley Fox carried out successfully the reorganization

which had become necessary as

the result of war conditions; but his constitution, never

robust, gave way under the strain. On medical advice he resigned in 1924, and accepted the invitation of his old friend and former colleague, R. H. C.

Birt, to go to South Africa as a

temporary assistant master at Diocesan College, Rondebosch,

In later times Fox used to speak of the years at Ronde-

bosch as among the happiest of

He threw himself into his

work with zest; his health quickly returned; and he might

have been content to stay there

indefinitely if he had not been invited to return to Oxford in 1929 as Fellow and Dean of Divinity at Magdalen College.

He remained at Magdalen until 1942. The ordering of the

divine service was always per-formed with the decency and

his life.

until his health was restored.

resort to armed terrorism firm base.

fully established then had to face the emergency caused by the Malayan Communist Party's stitutional arrangements had a

MR DOUGAL HASTON

CANON ADAM FOX



Mr Alexander Glezer with his still-life, Fish and Pravda. Above is a self-portrait by Oscar Rabin.

Asked why he thought his music had generally found favour with the Soviet musical authorities, unlike that of some of his compatriots, he said: "Perhaps you know hetter than me. I don't

When asked about a symptomy.

or poem-symphony which had
attracted criticism about twenty

He said later that it was true that twenty years ago there was criticism but that afterwards be and Prokovier and other com-posers had continued their work and had received their rewards. Company of Tobacco Pipe Makers and Tobacco Blenders

and Tobacco Blenders The Company of Tobacco Pipe Makers and Tobacco Blenders held a dinner at Barber-Surgeons' Hall yesterday for the livery and their guests. The principal guest and speaker was Sir Autony Part and the other speakers were the Renter Warden. Mr G. H. Ross Goobey, and the Master, Mr R. S. Hargreaves Churchill's address

Dr Johnson once said that to talk with Burke cailed form all his powers. So it may be said that to powers. So it may be said that to address a joint session of Congress with half the American nation hanging on his words calls forth all the splendid powers of the Prime Minister. His short speech yesterday, frank, robust and admirably phrased, was perfectly designed to remind his audience of Britain's enduring greatness and ability to overcome difficulties—and of "the abiding power of the British Empire". If Britain was finding the burden of rearmament almost more than she Coningsby Club
The Coningsby Club entertained
Sir Geoffrey Howe, QC, MP, at
dinner at the Carlton Club last
night. Mr Roger Evans was in the

25 years ago

From The Times of Friday, Jan 13, 1952.

years ago, his first answer was:
"So much time has passed since heen that I cannot remember

was rinding the burder of re-armament almost more than she could bear after so many other trials, he had come "not to ask for gold, but for steel, not for favours but for equipment".

Top press award goes to Mr Michael Davie

Mr Michael Davie of The Observer yesterday won the Journalist of the Year award of Granada Television's What the Papers Say programme.

Papers Say programme.

The panel failed to make a Newspaper of the Year award because there was "no clear and outstanding candidate".

The Reporter of the Year award goes to Mr Nigel Wade, staff correspondent of The Daily Telegraph in Peking.

Other awards were: Political columnist: Mr Andrew Alexander, Daily Mail: cartoonist: Mr Wally Fawkes, who is Trog of the Daily Mail and The Observer; Gerald Barry award for lasting contribution to journalism: Mr Philip Hope-Wallace, opera critic of The Guardian. After presenting the awards Mrs

Thatcher, Leader of the Opposi-tion, praised the press and tele-vision as the bulwarks of free-Iron curtain countries were always keen to extol the virtues of their system: Western countries tended to catologue their doubts. "It would be very much letter if we pointed to our achievements", she said.

Gift to museum The Carnegie United Kingdon Trust has given £15,000 towards

complete the Scottish Agricultural Museum, Ingliston, Lothian. £25,000 for theatre

the Scottish Country Life Museums Trust's £90,000 appeal to

Dr George Rylands, chairman of the Cambridge Arts Theatre Trust since 1946, has given the trust £25,000.

Correction

In the Middle Temple awards published on January 14 S. Moriarty attended Chichester High School for Boys, not Winchester.

ining chaplain to the Bishop of Southwark; he was appointed Wiccamical Prebendary of Chichester Camedral in 1936; he read and wrote poerry—he was awarded the Sacred Poem Prize at Oxford in 1929, and

MR DZEMAL BIJEDIC

Mr Džemal Bijedić, Prime
Minister of Yugoslavia, died
yesterday in a plane crash near
Sarajevo. He had been Prime
Minister since 1971. Not a wellknown figure to the public
before that date, he had been
before that date, he had been
Minister responsible for Legal
Minister responsible for Legal
Problems. and. from 1967 to Sarajevo. He had been Prime Minister since 1971. Not a well-known figure to the public before that date, he had been a party official in his native Herzegovina in the late 1930s, having joined the Yugoslav Communist Youth Group in 1938.

Remigio Paone, the well-known Italian theatre manager and impresario, has died at the age of 76. He had been the director of some of the leading diabetes repellier. France, at the age of 64. A student of the diabetes for the diabetes and the diabetes for the diabetes for the diabetes for the diabetes for the diabetes. director of some of the leading by. A student of the diabetes Italian theatres and had been specialists Emmanuelle and responsible for giving the Louis Hedon, Loubatières began responsible for giving the Italian public a chance to see the Old Vic company; the Comedie Française; the American national baller; and

Munister responsible for Legal Problems, and, from 1967 to 1971, President of the Assembly, of Bosnia-Herzegovina. In 1973 he paid a state visit to Australia

for example Plato for Pleasure

(1946); English Hymns and Hymn Writers (1947); Meet the Greek Testament (1952); John Mill and Richard Bentley

(1954); Plato and the Christian

(1957); and God is an Artist (1957); and God is an Artist (1957). In 1960 he was awarded a James Tait Black Memorial Price for his biography of Dean

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his experiments into the disease

Major role in the creation of Malaysia Sir David Watherston, KBE, CMG, an administrator who played a major role in founding today's Malaysia, died on January 16 at the age of 69.

David Charles Watherston was selected to be Secretary for Defence and Internal Security in 1948 and was at the centre of the struggle that his colleagues too was born on February 26, 1907, and educated at Westminster School and Christ Church, Ox.

In this his final post in Malayan Civil Serv the Malayan Civil Serv the Malayan Civil Serv the CMG and Christ Church, Ox. It is thanks to David people in a most c world. Few, if any, men the Malayan Civil Serv more for Malaysia and

SIR DAVID WATHERSTON

under its first Prime Minister, Tunku Abdul Rahman.

briefly to the Far East in 1962 as a member of the Cobbold

and paved the way to general acceptance of the new Federa-

tion. Equally important, he en-

national school of mountaineer-

ing at Leysin. Haston was a lean, powerful

climber and took a leading part in the development of winter

mountaineering in the Alos where he climbed many of the classic difficult routes. In the

Himalayas he took part in the successful British ascent on the

David Watherston returned

Malaya he carried a gruelling burden of work under Sir Gerald Templer and Sir Donald MacGillivray. Slowly with the full cooperation of the political leaders they stemmed and finally turned the tide until in 1957 they were able to hand over a healthy Malaya to an independent elected Government under its first Prime Minister. Management Studies as being vice-chairman (Council of the Foundat Management Studies tion of Malaya to replace the unhappy Malayan Union. His unflagging industry, his patent integrity, his sincerity and his modesty respoyed confidence in British in: ations and went far to calm the communal leadousies and fears which had flared up in the aftermath of the war and member of the Council dustry for Managemen cation. He was made a DSc of Aston Univer: 1963 and was a Knight John.

He married, in 1933, daughter of W. Hopkirk

SIR ANTHON BEVIR

CBE, died on January 17 age of 81.
The fourth son of

Mr Dougal Haston, who has been killed by an avalanche while skiing at Leysin in Switzerland, was pre-eminent in the small but highly competitive world of professional mountaineering. He was 35.

In September, 1975, he and saw service in the World War with th Battalion, The King's Liv Regiment. He was twictioned in dispatches.

In 1921 he joines
Colonial Office and was secretary from 1926 to 1 the Rt Hon W. G. A. O Gore (later the fourth Harlech) when Parlian Haston was born near Edinburgh where his father was a baker. He studied philosophy at Edinburgh University but mountaineering quickly dominated his life. A climbing career which led to the highest and most difficult summits of the world began on a railway embankment near his home at Currie. His natural ability as a rock climber and technician in High Places and a second Under-Secretary of Sta the Colonies. In 1939 he t Assistant Secretary, Cabinet Office, and subsec Neville Chamberlain; W. Churchill (for two se periods); C. R. Attlee Anthony Eden. From 1956 he was Secretar Appointments to he Minister and in this po-guits and experience were

to marked advantage.

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He married in 1935 Sidney, daughter of Dom

Mr Dennis Lawson, who Director of the Fire Rese-Station at Borehamwood : 1958 until his retirement 1971, died suddenly on Jan

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Mr Victor Alexander Ga coyne-Cecii, High Sheriff Essex in 1949 and a Deput Lieutenant for the county, die

Doll expected to fetch £600 The marriage took place on January 15 at New Haven, Connecticut, between Mr Mark Lynch and Miss Gall Malcolm The bride was given in marriage by her father. sold for £1,400

At Phillips's Marylebone sale rooms yesterday a private buyer paid £1,400 for a German blsqueheaded "googly-eyed" doll (estimate £600). A collectors' sale totalled £10,078. Mr A. Macleon
and Miss M. Ashraf
The marriage took place at Crown
Court Church of Scotland.
London, on January 15, 1977,
between Mr Alistair Macleod,
elder son of Mr and Mrs Kenneth

Macleod, Greenock, and Miss Maryan Ashraf, elder daughter of the late Agha Mohd Ashraf and of Mrs Belen Ashraf, Gerrards Cross, Buckinghamshire. The Rev J. M. Scott officiated. Turpin paid £4,200 for a set of eight George III mahogany dining chairs in the Hepplewhite taste (estimate £4,000) and Baxter £2,300 for a Hepplewhite mahog-

Pembroke table (estimate £2,000). In a £34,290 Phillips sale of In a 134,290 Phillips sale of hooks a collection of trade cards and billheads of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries went to Ambrose for £1,250 (estimate £1,000). Fairburn paid £1,600 for 54 volumes of The Sporting Magazine to 1824 (estimate £800).

At Sotheby's sale of Chinese works of art, Ming and later ceramics realized £26,885. A Ch'ien Lung 24-piece familie-rose part service went to a private buyer for £1,200 and another buyer paid £700 for a late Ch'ien Lung blue-rose to the company of the company o and-white basin, 27 inches in dismeter.

meter.

Marchauson, a London dealer, gave 6500 for a pair of K'ang Hsi plates and D. J. K. Wright paid 5540 for a Ch'ien Lung softpasse blue-and-white vase.

Our Stamps Correspondent writes: British chemists, all Nobel Prize winners, are named on stamps to be issued on March 2 to mark the centenary of the Royal Institute of Chemistry. centenary of the Royal Institute of Chemistry.
Professor Sir Derek, Barton is

The following have been appointed deputy lieutenants of Greater London:
Mr L. E. R. Bentall, Mr J. I. Cohen. Mr L. Freeman, Lady Macked of Borre, Mr M. Men. Major Portall, Mr D. Men. Major Portall, Mr D. Wen. Major Portall, Mr D. Wicks. reforessor Sir Berek Barton is featured on the 8½p stamp and the 10p stamp.

Professors A. J. P. Martin and A. L. M. Syrge share the 11p stamp, Sir William and Sir Lawrence Bragg the 12p stamp.

Latest appointments

Latest appointments include : Rear-Admiral C. Rusby, to be promoted vice-admiral on March 31 and to be Flag Officer Scotland and Northern Ireland, Commander Northern Sub-Area Eastern Atlantic and Commander Nore Sub-Area Channel in June, and Sub-Area Channel in in succession to Vice Admiral Sir Authory Troup. Rear-Admiral J. M. Forbes to be promoted vice-admiral on March

Lieutenant-General Sir Peter Whiteley to be Commander-In-Chief Allied Forces Northern Europe in the rank of general, in succession to the late General Sir John Sharp.

Sir Charles Curran, who retires as Director-General of the BBC, to be managing director and chief

Latest wills

Mr Arthur Frederick Busk, of Tunbridge Wells, left £270,090 net Tunbridge Wells, left £220,090 net After various personal bequests borne for the residue each to the National Trust, the National Art-Collections Fund and the Seven Springs Cheshire Home, Tunbridge Wells, three-forteths rach to the Henry VI Charity and Hernford College, Oxford, and a twentieth to the YMCA.

Other estates include (net, before

executive of Visuews, the tele-vision newsfilm agency, from January 1, 1978. Vice-Admiral Sir John Hayes to be Lord Lieutenant, Highland Region (Ross and Cromarty), in succession to the late Captain A. F. Matheson, RN.

A. F. Matheson, RN.
Colonel W. J. M. Ross, to be
Lord Lieutenant. Dumfries and
Galloway Region (District of
Stewartry) in succession to the
lite Colonel G. G. M. Batchelor.
Mr. Timothy Reynish, rutor in
charge of the postgraduate conducting course. Royal Northern
College of Music, to be head of
the school of wind and percussion
from August I. in succession to
Mr. Philip Jones.
Miss Marion White, of Harpenden. Mis Marion White, of Harpenden, to be president of the British section of Intercoffure, the organization for owners of women's hairdressing salons.

duty paid; duty not disclosed):

Archaeology report Saggara: Temple site found

within which three, if not four, temple complexes with their ancillary buildings have been located. The temples were built on a series of stone terraces rising up the desert cliff. Sacred ways led up from Memphis by ramps or stairways through monumental gateways of granite. From the city, the limestone temples must have presented a fine appearance.

A sculptured block from a

presented a fine appearance.

A sculptured block from a temple wall-scene, showing Ptolemy V Eniphanes (203-181 BC) censing before Anubis, has identified one of the temples. It came from the last of three phases of temple building. At some time in the Roman period the pagan temples were destroyed, and the site was later resettled by Christians. The expedition is surveying

rooms yesterday a private buyer paid \$1.400 for a German bisque-headed "googly-eyed" doll (estimate \$600). A collectors' sale totalled \$10,078.

In a photographic section an early mahogany slide projector went to Vintage Cameras for \$440 (estimate \$440).

In a sale of furniture and works of art by Phillips the collection of a West Sussex woman who died recently made \$448,500.

Turpin paid \$4,200 for a set of the town was enclosed by a vast rectangular mud-brick wall which three, if not four, benefit of the society's and investigating this and another expedituon to Saqqara, the even larger temple enclosure, probably that of the cat-headed goodess, Bastet.

This is a logical extension of the society's work over the past twelve years of excavating the famous as the quarter of the many Greek and Egyptian documents of the last six centuries BC.

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the Sacred Animal Necropolis or Saqqara.

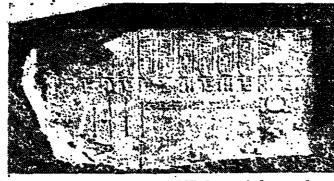
A new epigraphic expedition to Saqqara, led by Mr W. V. Davies, of the Department of Egyptian Antiquifies at the British Museum, on behalf of the society, has successfully copied and recorded five unpublished decorated tombs in the Teti Pyramid cemeteries, including the fine Vith Dynasty tomb of Merei.

A third expedition, under Dr G. T. Martin, of University College, London, has just started work at Saqqara. clearing the burial shafts of the splendid XVIIIth Dynasty tomb of the general Horembeb, rediscovered by the society in 1575.

By Professor H. S. Smith, Edwards

By Professor H. S. Smith, Edwards Professor of Egyptology, University College, London, and leader of the expedition.

Times Newspapers Ltd, 1977



The sculptured block that identified one of the temples.

Science report

Toxicology: Flameproofing and cancer

Two groups of scientists have produced evidence suggesting that cancer may be caused by a chemical that is commonly used in the United States but not in Britain to flameproof children's nightclothes. The evidence is indirect but has been obtained by a method that is rapidly being adopted as a laboratory test for chemicals that present a cancer hazard.

The results of the test have

chemicals that present a cancer hazard.

The results of the tests have been confirmed by other indirect techniques but direct evidence from animal feeding tests will not be available until later this year.

The chemical on which suspicion has been cast is tris (2,3-dibromopropyl) phosphate or tris-BP.

The possibility that tris-n causes cancer has arisen from the recent development of new screening tests.

The most flaunted of the tests and the one that has cast doubts and the one that has cast doubts.

The seidence that it would be particularly from the seasoning to discover that tris-BP was even a mutagen for man, since that could imply a separate of inherited mutations.

Even if tris-BP does canse both mutations and cancer, it cannot pose a danger unless the chemical can be taken into the body from the fabric which has been treated with it. So far there are only preliminary indications that it can be absorbed through the skin.

It has been confirmed by Pro-fessor Bruce Ames, the inventor of the bacterial test system, and his colleague, Arlenc Blum. They have also unearthed the fact that rris-BP can contain, as a minor impurity, a chemical that is known to be carcinogenic in animals.

fo be carcinogenic in animals.

Assuming, and it is quite clearly only an assumption at present, that tris-BP is carcinogenic in humans, and making considerable further assumptions as to its absorption and potency. Professor Ames and Dr Blum have calculated that there could be a greater risk of a child's getting cancer from chemicals used to flameproof its nightclothes than of its being burnt had the fabric not been treated. treated.

Little use is made of tris-BP in Britain. Plame retardants are not generally added to manmade fibres used in clothing. By Nature-Times News Service. Source: Science, January 7, (195, 17 and 76; 1977). ? Nature-Times News Service, 1977.

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the opera of Peking.

After the German invasion of that he might be the target of Yugoslavia in 1941 he joined Croatian terrorists.

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He was made a CMG and a KBE in 1956. In : was made an Hon Pa Mangku Negara by Mai They had two sons as daughters.

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Bevir he was educated and Hertford College,

a rock climber and technician In High Places and a second on snow and ice quickly placed book on the Eiger. He took him in the front ranks of Scot-nart in a number of television tish mountaineers.

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He took part in the earliest understudied for Clint East-British attempts on the north wood, the film star, in a thriller —the Prime Linister's p wall of the Eiger and carried part of which was shot on the out a remarkable singlehanded Eiger north wall. goe, not only ecclesistics with regard to Lords Lient crc-he raised the stand-thoroughness and consul to a quite remarkable d Canon Adam Fox, Canon of Westminster 1942-63, Archdeacon of Westminster 1951-59, and sub-Dean of Westminster 1959-63, died on January 17 at the Poetry in 1938, and took endquite outstandingly reliab Ministers and at Lambeth "contacts" were legion maintained by constant t less trouble with the prepara- ling up and down the co Adam Fox was born at Kensington on July 15, 1883, the son of William Henry Fox. He went to Winchester as a scholar in Abbey, and now transferred to Crown livings.

1897, and to University College, 'the Abbey the devotion he had He took immense pain given to his college chapel. His discover the conditions of gifts as a preacher at last found full recognition. office to which he was re mending an appointment l matter of henefices he we consult with church war He enjoyed life in London immensely, taking special pleasure in membership of the and others such as the deen. Similarly in respect hishoprics he would most fully obtain the views of Court of the Skinners' Company, to which he bad been apprenticed when he was an undergraduate, and was Master of the Company in 1947-48. He was made Canon Emericus of Dean and Chanter as also t visitors at 10 Downing S. and listen to suggestions advice. Chichester, and in 1947 the honorary DD of St Andrews was conferred on him. He busied himself with a multitude of affairs, but always found time to read, and also to write a number of small books, mostly

of a semi-theological character, MR DENNIS LAWS Born in 1911 and educate

formed with the decency and the dignity which he thought proper. But his interest was one of his friends from comprenot limited to the chapel; his influence was felt throughout the college.

He found time for many interests beyond the college, both in the University and in the outside world. He was a Select Preacher, both at Oxford and Cambridge; he acted as examining chaplain to the Bishop of Southwark; he was appointed one of his friends from comprenous one of his friends from comprenous the department's fire reseasing the department's fire reseasing the department's fire reseasing the mystic, the 18th century divide, the scholar and the poet.

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MR ALBERT

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THE TIMES **BUSINESS NEWS**

pected to publish a Bill s to provide for the registration of

insurance brokers and for the regulation of their professional

The Government is in prin

ciple willing to support a Bill for this purpose, so long as it

provides that the use of the title "insurance broker" would be reserved to registered brokers (whether registered under the BIBC's or any other

approved scheme).
Mr Page, whose Bill is to have its second reading on January 28 said last night

that the White Paper and his Bill appeared to be "walking arm in arm along the same

road ".

The Government's support for

the Bill is conditional upon public consultation on proposals

Page said that comments on the

measures could most effectively

be made by contact with the DoT and with him so that when

his Bill reached the committee

stage early next month critic-

isms and alternative ideas on

regulation could be incor-porated as amendments

sundards" leter this week.

dustrial output sumes slow imb back after e doldrums

i industrial output may have resurred its slow after stagnating out the summer. Actiat least some industrial up during the autumn, ig to the latest governgures, published by the

trial production, which s for about 45 per cent CIR Anation's output of goods vices, is now shown to en 16 per cent during ee months Septemberer, compared with the s three months. Manuig industry alone rose per cent over the same

> because of the behaviour of output te early summer, govern-atisticians are interpretlatest figures with conle caution. In particular, 1 the periods Juneand September-Novemy overstate the increase vity in the antumu beif the exceptional drop out which occurred in the result of the spring

ugh the output figures usted for seasonal influthe accuracy of the on in June remains in In addition, the Eurocought, the hot summer and an exceptional of strikes in August lso have significantly ed industrial activity the middle months of r. But apart from such ntal observations, the on of output last , which was experienced ral industrialized coun-

industry was working casts.he increase in produc-North Sea oil was also ting to the broad up-

as not been satisfactorily

textile industry was sharing in the move

ermore, there are signs vival in orders for the year.

INDUSTRIAL OUTPUT The following are the index numbers of industrial production in November, seasonally adjusted, released by the Central Statistical

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and September-Novem-	July	101.3	103.5			
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engineering industry, although this has still to be reflected in higher deliveries of goods. But even if the latest figures do indicate a resumption of the cyclical upswing, it is clear now that the deepest industrial recession since the war is being followed

102.5

The Treasury is now expecting that manufacturing output will grow by about 51 per cent between the second half of 1976 and the second half of 1977, although if foreign demand proved to be stronger than now predicted, the rise in manufaceven allowing for these factors, the available as 7 per cent, it is officially a still points to some thought. The rise in production of 1976. Notably, the

growth is achieved, it will still leave output considerably below its peak level at the height of the last boom in the closing months of 1973.

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precondition for cutting in-come tax, which he hoped to do in his next Budget. opportunities given it

But to seize the opportunities which this provided it was from Mr Healey, the now necessary for management to show that it could use the resources available more efficiently than in the past. Mr Healey quotes several recent reports showing that the use of machinery is less efficient in the United Kingdom than in other countries, and argued that there was nothing inevit-Reising the average level of performance of British industry closer to the standard of the best, was the central

aim of the industrial strategy.

He detailed action to help industries deal with their problems and pressed for more attention to non-price element in selling abroad, such as deli very dates and the sensible use of foreign currency billing. Mr Healey argued, was selement in reducing in-element in reducing in-and the most important lems were identified.

Sir Harold sets out inquiry task

By Andrew Goodrick-Clarke Financial Editor

Sir Harold Wilson issued a reassurance yesterday that his committee on the functioning of Britain's financial institutions will "not be taking a bloodhound into the City". Speaking after the 18-member committee had met for the first time at the Treasury he said that the central theme of the inquiry would be an exami-nation of the provision of investment funds for industry and trade.

But the committee would not only look at the machinery for providing such funds in the City, but also at factors which affect demand for investment capital, including taxation. He added that "late but not low" on the list of priorities for the committee would be the

questions of whether there should be an extension of the public sector, and whether there should be greater super-vision of the financial system. The committee had decided. three phases its approach to the very wide subject it had to inquire into. The first would be the role and functioning of British financial institutions, second would be the provision and demand for investment funds and third questions such as whether it would be advantageous to nationalize banks and insurance companies.

Meanwhile, responding to widespread crincism when the names of the committee members were announced earlier this month that there was no securities market specialist among the team, Sir Harold disclosed that Mr David Bruce of Cazenove, a leading City stockbroking firm, had been appointed as a consultant to the

principal of the London Business School, has also been appointed as a consultant, and it is clear, too, that the committee will not hesitate to use consultancy advice from outside

I will not be taking a bloodhound into the City 7

have occurred since the last and living with higher in-important inquiry into the terest rates than the "big financial system—by the Rad-cliffe Committee—nearly 20 by Radcliffe. years ago. It will be necessary to see what statistics are available and what extra statistical evidence is needed.

Sir Harold said his committee would need to assess how the arguments, conclusions and diagnosis of Radcliffe have been affected by major changes in the economy.

Specifically, he cited changes in the pattern of demand for experts when necessary.

As a first step, the committee will review the changes that the fact that sterling now floats

Additionally, Sir Harold said the committee would commis-sion "an authoritative study" of the property market from 1971, through the period of collapse until today. It was necessary to see bow this "distortion occurred, he said, what were the consequences and what they still are. Treasury and Bank of England officials will help the committee in this study.

On the question of how evi-dence will be gathered, Sir

Harold stressed that the in-quiry would be conducted on an informal basis.

It had been suggested by some, he said, that there should have been a Royal Commission, but he had personally rejected this idea. He wanted committee members to be able to go into the City to "root out" their own evidence and ideas, and felt confident that people would be "almost falling over them-selves" to provide the com-mittee with information.

But he gave a warning that if for any reason there was "some sort of strike", or evidence was "wilfully withheld" then he would go back to 10 Downing Street for powers to

call for evidence.

It has also been decided that the public will be invited to give evidence, though as a first step representative bodies such as the Confederation of British Industry and the Accepting Houses Committee, would be invited to submit views.

So, too, would individual undertakings and firms in the City and industry including multi-nationals. Small businesses will be expected to give evidence, and the committee will send teams to overseas financial centres to assess alterfinancial centres to essess alter-mative financial structures and gam foreign impressions of Britain's financial institutions.

Hearings of the committee will normally be in private, but there will be occasions when ewdence, perhaps "suitably sanitized" can be published. Certainly, the committee in-tends that evidence should be published before the committee submitted its report to the Prime Minister.

Sir Harold would not be drawn on how long the inquiry would take, though he noted that Radchiffe had taken about two years, but elso that the remit of the present committee was much wider than that of Radcliffe whose brief was to study the monetary system.

Government drops plan for state licensing in insurance

By John Brennan
Plans to introduce a State

licensing system to regulate the insurance broking industry, have been abandoned by the Government. In a consultative paper published yesterday the Department of Trade proposes tighter, but self-regulated con-trols for the 9,000 brokers who handle around haif the domestic business of the £4,500m British insurance market.

The consultative paper on Insurance Intermediaries backs in principle the case put for-ward last November by the ward last November by the British Insurance Brokers' Council under which only brokers registered with the BIBC would e entitled to call themselves insurance brokers.

The paper also discusses the possibility of controls under which insurance policies would eventually be sold only by registered brokers, insurance companies, and companies' agents. "It would", the paper suggests, eventually "be an offence for any other category of person to be engaged for pecuniary gain in the selling of insurance."

This framework would, the Government believes, "strike a reasonable balance between the interests of insurers in maximiz-ing their sales outlets and of customers in knowing that the

intermediaries they deal with are experienced and dependable people."

This paper is, the DoT says, "tentative and intended to provide a basis for public discussion," on the causes of "current concern, or the causes of "current people instrument." concern over insurance agents". Comments on the pro-posals are invited by the end of March, 1977.

In the meantime, the Government "has noted with interest" the private member's Bill on insurance broking to be presented in the Commons shortly by Sir Harold pointed out that reports of this kind were only undertaken once in every generation—the Macmillan report in the 1930s preceded Radickife.

Sir Harold pointed out that the in the Commons shortly by any John Page, Conservative MP for Harrow West.

Mr Page, who drew first place in the ballot for private members' Bills last year, is ex-

Mr Page's Bill which, he has said "will affect the insurance world, nationally and internationally", has been structured to "look after the structured to "look after the activities of the small as well as the large brokers."

The BIBC yesterday welcomed the Government's proposals and its support for the minimum of the minimum of the support for the support for

principles of Mr Page's Bill. The British Insurance Associa-tion and the Life Offices Association, representing the leading insurance companies, are still considering the White Paper but have welcomed the Government's acceptance self-regulation Both have reservations, how

ever, about the effects of the proposals on insurance agents under which they would be "at all times the responsibility of the company for which they Financial Editor, page 19

Japanese

bsence of any

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Mr Crosland

Brussels, Jan 18.-Mr Cros-

land, Foreign Secretary, voiced the European Community's dis-

appointment today over the

European talks with Japan on removing the imbalance in

trade, especially in shipbuilding

where the Community is seek-

ing a bigger slice of the world

After a meeting of Com-munity foreign ministers Mr

Crosland, as president of the Ministerial Council, said recent

discussions with the Japanese both on trade and shipbuilding showed that "nothing had advanced".

The answers given to the

£164m expansion plan | Suspension by Allied Breweries

day announced a major investment programme of at least £164m over the next two years with more likely to follow. Expenditure of £117m has already been authorized and Mr Keith Showering, the chairman, said he expected that some £85m would be spent this calendar year. The group's plans involve expenditure at all major loca-tions and will "create hundreds

Last night Mr Jack Jones, general secretary of the Transport and General Workers' Union, by far the largest in the brewing industry, said: "This is the sort of good news we have been looking for. I hope very much that other com-panies will follow this splendid example and if that happens British industry will soon be on the way to a major recovery."

Mr Showering said the group

By Maurice Corina and

The deadlock between the

Government and five executive directors seeking substantial

salary increases was discussed at a four-hour meeting of

Cable and Wireless's court of directors yesterday.

Mr Edward Short, the court's chairman and a former

member of the Government, reviewed his unsuccessful attempt to persuade Mr Var-

ley, Secretary of State for In-dustry, to accept his secret pay proposals which led the five rebel full-time directors into

accepting a further period as

Malcolm Brown

Allied Breweries, the largest over the past three years but now considered the time ripe for capital investment. While investment will be

made in depots and distribution as well as new pubs and refurbishing of existing tied houses, much of the investment will be concentrated on existing breweries, especially those at Burton, Wrexham and The group's production of its Skol lager is undertaken at

these plants and Mr Showering said yesterday that because of sain yesterbay mar because of the rapid shift in public taste toward lager the industry's pro-duct mix was changing. It is estimated that Allied has some 17 per cent of the lager market. Dearer beer: Bass Charrington announced yesterday it will increase the price of bottled and canned beers later this month, but will hold draught prices "for as long as possible".

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Cable & Wireless directors study pay failure

of mining share deals

Stockbroking communities in London and Johannesburg were surprised and puzzled yesterday by the suspension of dealings in shares of the South Africa companies, Anglo American Cor-poration and Rand Selection. The suspensions, made at the request of the companies, led request or me companies, led to a variety of opinions that some form of takeover of Rand Selection by Anglo American or a tidying up of their various interests and cross-holdings was imminent.

They came after Rand Selection's shares had jumped Selection's snares had jumped 30p to 445p on Monday on top of a 40p gand last week, whereas Anglo's shares had not shown any advance last week, and lost 3p on Monday. Anglo's spokesman in Johannesburg said a statement might be made today. Anglo's last annual report showed it as owning 17 per cent of Rand Selection, although this figure increased last year.

BP is proposing to buy Bra-meda Resources's 87½ per cent interest in the Sunkunka coal

BP investing £17.3m in Canadian coal

British Petroleum, which has been pursuing a vigorous, if somewhat belated, diversification policy away from direct of the deal and the remainder of the deal and the \$30m (about £17,300,000) to buy into several coal interests in British Columbia.

Once the latest deal has been signed, BP will have coal interests in three countries—
Australia, Canada and South
Africa—in line with the
group's philosophy of entering
the coal business

licences in north-eastern Brirish Columbia. It is also to buy from Teck Corporation and Brameda, in which Teck has a 47 per cent interest, 20 of their 25 jointly held Bullmoose and Chamberlain coal licences in the same area.

Teck and Brameda will, how-

figure increased last year.

Financial Editor, page 19 Measures on the Bullmoose

There is one immediate pro-

The Times index: 159.10+2.62

The FT index: 381.1+6.7

clear that no pay proposals breaching the current pay policy can be entertained for Cable and Wireless. Indeed, it his sixtieth birthday, must be

is being said that the case of concerned about his frozen pay

Cable and Wireless has been as it will determine his pen-weakened by the application of sion at a lower rate

ne our co rail and port facilities capable of bandling three million tons a year.
Like other international oil

companies, BP has been mov-ing into coal to expand its energy base Last S September

announced its most ambitious coal dead by buying half of the New South Wales, Australia, coal mining operations of Clutha Developments, and associated companies, for about

As part of a further diversi-As part of a further diversi-fication, the group last month set up a minerals department to initiate and develop pojects in the base metals field and subsequently announced that it was joing Rio Tinto-Zinc in an international consortium devel-oping methods of deep sea mining.

Community by Japanese representatives were "inadequate" and, he added, "the mood in the council (on this subject) was very strong". Cattle's rejects

As expected, the board of Cattle's (Holdings) the Hullbased check and credit trading company, came back yesterday with a brisk rejection of the £3.9m offer made by Provident Financial on Monday for the 74.4 per cent of the equity which it does not already own. Cattle's board claims that the offer, 32p a share in cash, is totally inadequate, and shareholders are advised not to sell. The shares were last night being quoted at 35p, 75 per cent above their level ahead of

Provident offer

National Bank of Chicago and cent above their level aread of the increased their prime lending levels to 63 per cent yesterday and thus Chase's move today Provident on Monday, at 32p a share.

seconomy 'reaccelerating' and sharp with rise likely, Mr Greenspan says mance of the economy in the

Tank Vogl elerating and we may o with a rather sharp e in the real gross d product rate in the quarter—double or fore than the 3 per cent and fixed capital investments. en in the last quarter", ing to Mr Alan Greenhairman of the Council nomic Advisers. council predicts in its report today that real will rise 5 to 51 per cent 1976 to 1977 and Mr pan indicated that this

sninary data for all of issued today by the ment of Commerce, that the gross national

last quarter was largely rica's economy is now because of the car industry strike and a substantial fall in business inventories. However, real final sales moved ahead sharply and Mr Greenspan now believes that a rapid upswing will be seen in both inventory

> Real grap for all leading industrial countries (member nations of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development) is likely to rise 41 ь 5 per cent this year, after a gain of roughly 5 per cent in 1976, the council's annual report says. World trade growth in 1977 is predicted to be around 94 per cent, com-pared with 10 to 11 per cent

last year. The council is cautiously opposition on the outlook for the British economy. It notes that "if the recent measures (000m (nearly £990,000m), remove some of the uncertainal growth rate diminished the successive of the successive of the uncertainties that have closely the successive of the s al growth rate diminished ties that have clouded the ar from 9.2 per cent in and if the forthcoming Budget, by no no state of the final three months.

extremely weak performers expansion, the outlook for per cent.

growth of economic activity in 1977 and beyond may have improved substantially compared to the trends apparent around

It points out that there has

been a dramatic change in how the major oil-producing countries have invested their surpluses. It notes that such investments in the United States have increased from 20 per cent of the total Opec surplus in 1974 to about 30 per cent of the surplus in late 1976. At the same time Oper's placements in Britain are said to have fallen from 12.75 per cent of its total surplus in 1974 to nearly zero in 1975 and "for the first threequarters of last year there was a net liquidation of \$1,250m of sterling assets ". The council does not expect

the rate of inflation to rise

above 5 to 6 per cent this year. It notes that retail food price

increases may be limited to 3

per cent, with consumer

energy product prices gaining

by no more than 6 to 7 per

How the markets moved

No new meeting between Mr Short and Mr Varley has been fixed, but no doubt the Cable and Wireless chairman will

irectors.

seek another discussion, if only
Contrary to expectations, no to communicate the feelings of
tatement was forthcoming directors who on the strength

THE POUND Rises 3p to 68p-4p to 40p 12p to 215p 10p to 320p 10p to 460p Ass Port Cement Sp to 171p Beecham Grp Sp to 396p 8p to 396p 20p to 330p 4p to 103p 7p to 226p Anstralia S Brit Sugar Courtanids Austria Sch 28.50 63.00 1.73 10.95 6.50 8.46 4.06 69.50 7.90 1550.00 Belgium Fr Canada S EMI FMC Selection Trust 14p to 14p 10p to 206p 10p to 145p 10p to 145p 10p to 245p 10p to 245p 17p to 145p 14p to 360p 13p to 72p 12p to 422p 15p to 270p Tace Tilbury Cont UC Invest Denmark Kr Harmody France Fr 5p to 46p 15p to 365p 14p to 160p Hartwells Unilever Germany Dm Imp Cont Gas Johnson-Richd Greece Dr Hongkong S Italy Lr W. Rand Cons Weyburn Eng jourdan T. 4p to 25p Japan Yn 525.00 Netherlands Gld 4.47 Hewden-Stoart 3p to 32p Travis & Arnold 3p to 107p 3p to 283p 5p to 115p Norway Kr ANZ Arb-Latham Portugal Esc S Africa Rd

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Sterling rose 22 points to close at \$1.7160. The "effective devaluation" rate was 42.9 per cent.

Gold rose 75 cents an ounce to \$133.125.

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Chase raises its from the hard-pressed Mr of "certain proposals" put to fringe benefits not enjoyed Short on exactly how he feels the Government accepted realsewhere in the public sector. a wholly publicly-owned comelection to the board and However, Mr Short, a newpany can improve the ended their refusal to seek recomer to the board room, no remuneration, which is pre-appointment. prime to $6\frac{1}{4}$ pc From Frank Vogl

Economics Correspondent
Washington, Jan 18
The Chase Manhattan Bank
of New York today increased its prime lending rate to 61 per

a wholly publicly-owned company can improve the remuneration, which is presently £12,830 for the managing director and £10,330 for four other directors.

After the meeting, Cable and Wireless, which was unusually and private pressure on the directors are now joined the allowed the board to vote perfect the meeting, Cable and Members of State Industry set a precedent for going the Boards, set up to bring public whole way and letting the and private pressure on the doubt has seized the point that a great directors have now joined the five allowed the board to vote perfect the meeting, Cable and private pressure on the doubt has seized the point that a great directors have now joined the allowed the board to vote perfect the meeting, Cable and private pressure on the doubt has seized the point that a great directors have now joined the allowed the board to vote perfect the point that a great directors have now joined the five allowed the board to vote perfect the point that a great directors have now joined the five allowed the board to vote perfect the point that a great directors have now joined the five allowed the board to vote perfect the point that a great directors have now joined the five allowed the board to vote perfect the point that a great directors have now joined the five allowed the board to vote perfect the point that a great directors have now joined the five allowed the board to vote perfect the point that a great directors have now joined the allowed the board to vote perfect the point that a great directors have now joined the allowed the board to vote perfect the point that a great directors have now joined the allowed the board to vote perfect the point that a great directors have now joined the five a great directors have a great directors have a great directors have cent from 6 per cent.
Other major United States
banks to have held their prime rates at 6 per cent—the First National Bank of Chicago and was expected.

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The group provides a specialist scaffolding and insulation service primarily used in process plant maintenance programmes.

INTERIM RESULTS

Six months ended 30 September Revenue

£3,150,000 £2,951,000 £321,000

Profit before taxation . £340,000 Points from the statement by the

Chairman Mr. A. L. Britton. Another successful half year. Revenue up 7%. Pretax profit up 6%.

 Group's policy of concentrating on long term maintenance contracts continues to pay off by giving more stable workload. Continued high growth in Insulation Division.

 Recent acquisition in North of Scotland now contributing to profits.

The Company's shares are not quoted on The Stock Exchange but are dealt in through The Over-the-Counter market. Details of this market together with the Interim Statement are available from the Secretary, Deborah Services Limited, 10 South Parade, Wakefield, Yorkshire. Telephone: 0924-78222.

Report sees foreign sales passing 'unacceptable' level

Car imports may top 40pc

forecast that foreign manufac-turers will this year pass the 40 per cent share, which the Government has already said is "not acceptable".

Sound in Britain.

The inference here is that british manufacturers who traditionally dominate this area are now under attack in their strongest sector.

area attack in their strongest sector.

The report gives warning that companies who have long insisted on buying British are now permitting employees to 1 market leader by a clear 5 per cent, taking 30 per cent to Leyland's 25.

It expects a functional strongest sector.

The report gives warning that companies who have long insisted on buying British are now permitting employees to 1 choose any oar manufactured in 2 choose any oar manufactured in 2 choose any oar manufactured in 3 choose an

It expects a further modest increase in the United Kingdom total car market from 1.28 million last year to 1.35 million this year—up 5.5 per cent, with nearly all this extra business being engineer being snapped up by importers. British manufacturers are ex-

pected to increase their sales by a mere 0.6 per cent, while the importers continue to make inroads with 13.4 per cent more. This would give them nearly 41 per cent penetration compared with 38 last year and a record 46 in December.

Midland Industrial
Correspondent
Renewed demands for government action to restrict car imports are likely to follow yesterday's publication of a forecast that foreign manufacturers will this year pass the content of the content of

Although the Japanese are widely identified with the im-port problem, much of the im-porters' additional business this

year will come from the three American giams—Ford, Vaux-hall and Chrysler.

Their British subsidiaries are already significant importers of cars made by their European affiliates and this cross-Channel flow will be further increased if, as the report suggests, all Ford Capris are soon made in Ger-

mouth.

Leyland Cars' output is forecast to rise by 5.6 per cent to 720,000 units—a little over 15,000 cars a week and well short of the 22,000 cars the com-

pany is aiming for.

Mini sales are expected to decline following the British launch of the Ford Fiesta next month. On the other hand the Princess, Rover and Jaguar models are expected to do well. models are expected to do well.
An impressive 50 per cent
rise in Chrysler production is
forecast, compared with 20 per
cent for Ford and 13 per cent
for Vauxhall. Much of the
Chrysler increase will be
accounted for by the launch of
the company's new small car,
Forecasting a 16 per cent increase in exports, the report

crease in exports, the report says 1977 could be "an excel-lent year for British exports" with latent demand for certain many.

It believes that the Japanese penetration of 10 per cent is as much as the Government will chrysler.

Will latent demand for certain models in the EEC and North America, and substantially increased shipments to Iran by Chrysler.

Expenditure cuts put pipe jobs in jeopardy

Water and sewerage pipe. redundancies were inevitable.
making companies are feeling Hume Pipe, the Cambellante effects of reductions Water and sewerage pipemaking companies are feeling
the effects of reductions in
public expenditure, which included a six-month Government-imposed standstill on
expenditure by regional water
authorities.

At least 12,000 jobs in the
industry are in ignardy

redundancies were inevitable.

Hume Pipe, the Camberley,
Surrey, company with production units in the North-east,
North-west and South Wales,
has started laying off workers.

At Alnwick, North-umberland,
half the workforce has been
laid off. Plant at Glamorgan
has also been affected.

industry are in jeopardy has also been affected.
according to pipemakers trade
associations. This is about 25
reported to be reassessing
per cent of the total workproduction need. As well as force. The Concrete Pipe Asso- cuts at Bury St Edmundsciation believes that a further which represents about 10 per 12,000 or more jobs are also at risk in related industries.

Redland Pipe, one of the two a final decision on whether.

risk in related industries.

Redland Pipe, one of the two main concrete pipe suppliers in the country, is to halt production, probably for two years, at Trade associations covering a recently-commissioned plant near Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk. Only a skeleton staff will asbestos, clay and plastic—be kept after the end of this week, and 41 jobs will be lost.

British Steel Corporation said that the six-month standstill in there might be some easing of water authority ordering, the six-month standstill on the six-mon water authority ordering, which started last month, will result in short-time working for 4,000 at the Stanton and Staveley pipe works in the east off the orders tap on such a Midlands, two thirds of their workers. Their production is largely of metal pipes.

ARC Concrete, the other main coocrete pipe manufactory out of business.

Rubery workers | Cammell Laird listen to company yard reopens

spent yesterday afternoon in a local cinema at their employers' expense, listening to the agreement approved by senior union officials designed to prevent a recurrence of industrial disputes which have brought the factory

to the edge of closedown.

Mr Fred Griffiths, divisional organizer of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers, declared that the management felt that some of the trouble was being caused by two sys-tems of piecework which meant the company did not have the financial control it ought to

He told the workers "Take this seriously, if the manage-ment have managed badly, it is you that ends up out of work". He and Mr Brian Mathers, regional secretary of the Transport and General Workers Union, explained the basis of the agreement worked out with the management at the offices of the West Midlands Engineering Employers Association which the Rubery Owen management has now joined.

No vote was taken at the

From John Earle Turin, Jan 18

Signor Gianni Agnelli, th

all categories of piping—in-cluding concrete, ductile iron, water and sewerage expend-Companies fear that turning

In a letter to shareholders he described Fiat's 1976 performance as better although this

Motor car output of the Fiat peace formula

More than two thousand workers employed by Rubery Owen, Darleston, Staffordshire,

Today after strike

Cammell Laird's shipyard at Birkenhead, on Merseyside, will on 1976, 158,000 more than in 1976, 158,000 more than 1976, 15

up, including a 9.8 per cent rise in exports from Italy from 561,000 to 617,000. "Neverthe-less", Signor Agnelli stated, "we have still not managed to haul the automobile scene off

328,720 people throughout the world, of whom 187,200 are in Italy. The highlights of its other sectors last year were as union's general secretary, to call off their stoppage and allow fresh negotiations with the Commercial vehicles (Iveco):

The dispute was over an agreement which Cammell Laird tried to negotiate with Italy. its boilermakers in 1975. It wanted to implement flexible working arrangements and a reworking arrangements and a to-training programme, and prom-ised pay allowances of f2 a week if these were accepted. However, the deal was rejec-

The platers and shipwrights walked out on the day that the yard reopened after a ten-day Christmas and New Year holistical ships and the ships and the ships are those than the ships are those than the ships are those the ships are those than the ships are those the ships are the ships ar

Fiat voters approve Libyan deal

An extraordinary meeting of Fiat shareholders here today overwhelmingly approved the deal announced in early motor car mamefacturer will receive an injection of about 360,000 lire (£240m) from the Libyan Arab Foreign Bank.

chairman, said afterwards that he expected it would be pos-sible to call a board meeting to nominate two Libyan direc-tors in about a month. Votes representing only 52 shares out of more than 188

million were cast against a motion for existing shareholders to renounce in favour of the Librars their option to a capiincrease from 150,000m lire to 165,000m lira and to an issue of 90,000 tire worth o fconvertible bonds. The Libyan Bank will also provide Fiat with a 10-year American dollar loan of \$104m (£61m) bringing its total involvement to about 360,000m lire.

was largely due to the kra's devaluation whose effects would in themselves be illusory and in the long term negative. It should be possible to pay this year a dividend out of profits, not out of reserves.

Sales were also 3.1 per cent haul the automobile sector off the rocks once and for all." The Fiat group now employs

A 10 per cent sales increase from 95,416 to 105,000 of which nearly 60,000 was exported from

Iron and steel (Teksit): The sector was completely restructured, concentrating on special steel, so that it could sell on steel, so that it could sell on the open market rather than continuing merely to meet Fiat's internal requirements.
Total production was 14 per cent up, at the equivalent of 2,050,000 tonnes.
Agricultural tractors: Sales rose 13 per cent from 70,833 to 80,600 with exports up from 50,740 to 52,600.



Rolls hoping for £18m marine engines order

Industrial Correspondent Rolls-Royce (1971) is poised to win a marine engine export order for up to £18m of gas turbine engines for the West German Navy which is embarking on a major modernization of its fleet. Within a few weeks the group is expected to learn whether its bid to supply Olympus and Tyne marine gas turbines has been successful. German naval authorities

have carried out over the past year an extensive evaluation of the Rolls-Royce product and that of its rival, the American General Electric, and final decisions are expected shortly.

Midland industry, with its

large concentration of small

companies, is pressing the Chan-

cellor, Mr Healey, to lower the

£500,000 minimum qualification for government assistance under

the selective investment scheme

announced in his recent mini-

budget. Mr Alex Laker, president of Birmingham Chamber of Indus-

ing director of GKN Fasteners, told the Chancellor in Birmingham last night "to bring it down to the level of the smaller company it would be necessary

to delete at least one nought

from the half-million, and then

some.
"The original selective in-

vestment schemes were thought by industry to be solely tem-

porary measures to help to bring forward investment pro-jects during the recession. It

seems now that they may be much more hardy and long-lived. If this is so, I would par-

ticularly like to put to you tonight that we have to do some hard thinking about where the smaller company fits in."

He told the Chancellor, the

Warning on Act

rules for debtors

A warning about bankrupt

persons seeking credit from

retailers and loan organizations

was made yesterday by Mr Paul Brooks, chairman of British

Under the new insolvency Act

bankrupts can apply for up to

night that in the first 11 months

of 1976 exports were worth £268.9m, £70.4m or 36 per cent higher than last year's period

which eases

Debt Services.

Mr Alex Laker, president of to install equipment to dupli-Birmingham Chamber of Indus-try and Commerce and manag-try and Commerce and manag-cularly in the manufacture of

Olympus and Type marine gas turbines for the Royal Nether-lands Navy. The Dutch have previously placed orders for the engines for eight earlier vessels in the standard frigate class and the latest package involves construction of four more similar vessels.

Apart from the Dutch, the Belgian and French navies are also operating vessels with Rolls-Royce propulsion units, with West Germany outside this "club".

Rolls executives are guard-edly optimistic that the West mans will decide in favour of its engines. The company has orders for £120m-worth of industrial and marine gas turbines with about 30 per cent of its order book destined for

The German Navy is unuctstood to be planning to place
orders for at least six frigates,
with the strong possibility of
a follow-on order of a further
are among a number of
countries now planning naval
development programmes and six. countries now planning naval Yesterday at The Hague, development programmes and Rolls-Royce announced that it Rolls-Royce is hoping to pick

companies would

had not set such a high starting

motor components. He was referring to British Leyland's

recent move to market auto-electrical components through its SU-Butec subsidiary in com-

petition with Lucas Industries, the market leader.

The move has been bitterly attacked by Midland industrialists, who object to the use of

taxpayers' money to subsidize

a competitor for private enter-

Mr Laker also took advantage

Mr Laker also took advantage of the Chancellor's presence to urge more flexibility in any phase three wages policy. He said: "A new approach is essential to make possible some restoration of differentials, particularly for middle and senior."

ticularly for middle and senior

|Linwood union

accepts double

shift working

By R. W. Shakespeare

Chancellor urged to lower floor for investment grants Incentives to manufacture guest speaker at the chamber's annual banquet, that many more Midland companies would

From Mr T. G. Arthur Sir. Mr B. E. Cotton (January 12), in pleading for tax relief for "manufacturers", misses a already have taken advantage of the accelerated projects assis-tance scheme if the Government number of fundamental points. In the first place why must the country shift its material Mr Laker criticized expendi-ture by the National Enterprise Board, which helped companies

and human resources into manu-facturing industry "? Mr Cotton implies that this would increase exports, close the payments gap, and provide all of us with more resources. Exactly the same argument could be applied to non-manufacturing industry, however. Secondly, the argument is in

any case fallacious. The pay-ments gap is purely a function of exchange rates and some rather arbitrary accounting. Action outside market forces to close it would reduce not increase resources. Imports are the gain from trading, exports are merely a way of paying for them. Importers bringing us shirts or fish at low prices are conserving our resources, and exporters who cannot get rid of their merchandise to show a margin of income over expenses without government aid, are wasting resources. Let's have some Queen's Awards for im-

ports for a change !
Thirdly, there is nothing which decrees manufactured goods to be more desirable than, say, services. A movement out of manufacturing is a normal feature of a developing

economy. The right ratio of manufacturing to services is determined by consumer preferences. I am sure that were the free market allowed to many enjoyed in the early t operate there would be more "manufacturing", but while government interference such as tampering with money, high taxation, etc remains, it is perfectly interference stripts the fectly justifiable to satisfy the resulting consumers desires even if they are pictures

rather than refrigerators.

If "the goods" are wanted, Cotton, they must be paid for by consumers, in the same way as services are. Why should those who prefer meditation (say) have to fork out to provide motor cars? And anyway, what is "manufactur-ing"? Does it include, for

example, publishing, and if not why not? Finally, let me wish Mr Cotton luck in his quest for relief. Relief on a discriminating basis is better than none at all, and I would never call taxa-tion "fair" as Mr Cotton implies. But let us all have it, not just those industries who happen to be making goods of certain classifications, which cannot be shown to be any more Yours faithfully, T. G. ARTHUR Cranfield Book Service.

Taxing treatment for employees living in the IIK and working and working in the IIK and wor in the UK and working abroad Moreover, the vital is not that of expense or d ance, but the need to p real incentives to ma overseas carnings and From Sir Joseph Latham tax treatment of employees liv-Sir, Ministers neglect no ing in this country and work-opportunity to exhort all con-cerned to increase overseas had asked the Inland Revenue opportunity to exhort all concerned to increase overseas
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tearnings. Yet the Chancellor of
the Exchequer is contemplating changes in taxation of
overseas earnings which would
operate as a powerful disincenties in many cases.

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operate as a powerful disincentive in many cases.

In 1974, the Government withdrew the concession by which earnings from overseas employment were taxed only on remittances to the United Kingdom and (for absences of less than 365 days) substituted a deduction of 25 per cent or more, and applies this refrom the earnings in computing the liability to United there is a separate employment overseas. The Inland Revenue i proposing changes in the tion of reimbursemen expenses connected with seas visits which wou disadvantageous to

people.
The Government ma. to industry and stresse need for greater overseasings. Is it too much to as their actions should their words? Yours faithfully, J. LATHAM, 25 Badingham Drive,

Leatherhead, Surrey.

Gas leaks and

corporation's

Sir, Your correspondent,

Henry (January 10), raise

matter of our charging

in dealing with gas leaks.

readers should understand

we make absolutely no

for calling to investigate a

If repair work is necess pipes on the customer's s

the main meter or on appl

not covered by our guar.

we do our best to treat

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From Mr R. W. Hill

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Industry's relations with the schools

It was generally understood
The Inland Revenue justifies that the deduction was not the restriction on the grounds dependent on the existence of that a man "who goes abroad

a separate employment covering the duties overseas, but recently the Inland Revenue has ruled otherwise.

On December 15, the Chancellor of the Exchequer said that "he believed it important to find ways of improving the of the existence of the expense or suffer the same disturbance". Yet surely to make (say) 20 visits overseas totalling 80 days is far more disturbing than a single visit of 30 days.

From Mrs José A. Petty Sir, My husband is extremely interested in the young and the many careers the world of today has to offer them. Opportunities are varied and legion-indeed career masters and parents must at times find it a most difficult

Kingdom tax.

Our two sons were both educated at Blundell's School, Tiverton, which has an outward-looking headmaster and staff. Consequently, many rugger marches, fêtes, speech days, etc, have been attended.

We were always impressed by "more about business", so my husband arranged business seminars at the school, bringing in cross-section of businessmen. bankers, etc and, all important

today, officiating members of trade unions. The proceeding would start in the school hall, dividing the boys drawn from the sixth forms into groups, giving each group the same problem, perhaps a sales or manning problem; the leader of each group receiving

guidelines to help discussion; then a break for lunch, the boys sitting at mixed tables with the After lunch the written results from each group were discussed — which proved extremely interesting. The boys

loved the exercise, especially being marked by the visitors, and eventually a winning group would emerge. (Report writing is something new to the young, and cannot be taught too early.) One can say the young must (MRS) JOSÉ A. PETTY, be tired of hearing about our industrial problems through the Buckfastleigh, Devon.

media, etc., but when thrown into an actual "situation" and faced with sound men from industry and trade unions, these seminars brought from the floor lively questions and a deep and searching interest.

overseas.
The Inland Revenue justifies

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Industry is all about ideas; task to fir enthusiastic and the boys thought the exercise undecided young people into happy and fulfilling employment.

The men were tremendously impressed by the searching questions and profound thoughts of the young-especially their flair and innovation for modern industrial design.

Early education and encouragement in this area can help matters later on ; if occasionally businessmen in towns and cities could spare a little time to go into schools with these projects
— both businesses and boys would benefit.

Industrial relations are very hig business and, coupled with the thoughts of these our young potential industrial innovators. who have no chance to stretch their minds in this area at this stage of their education, we could, as a nation, hold our heads high again in the markets of the world.

Britain could quite easily "live off her brains"—many are strangled or frustrated by bureaucracy, or engaged in wrangling in government.

We must, therefore, channel this lively intelligence in all our Yours faithfully. schools to the basic fact that it is imperative to manufacture R. W. HILL, Service Direc and to sell attractive and sound British Gas Corporation, commodities abroad. This, after Marketing Division, all, as island dwellers, is genetic- 326 High Holborn. ally our birthright and must be London WC1.
January 14. Yours faithfully,

German miracl or a little help from friends?

From Mr G. East Sir, Mr Stephen Schatti (January 14) is right, but has not enumerated all the to miracle-working which

war years.
In addition to the access of "millions more hands brains" of her own she half a million paying guest the form of British Americ French and other forces, t their dependants, all bring in and spending badly nee foreign currency. She cor buted to the national budget costs of the occupation, being forbidden to have for of her own, she spent a smaller proportion of her greational product on this co-than her "occupiers" w spending on defence.

Similarly, being forbidden have an arms industry her tire productive capacity (c all those willing hands) t available for consumer go and exports, at a time witthe United Kingdom had annual productive capacity ff,000m tied up in arms ma facture.

Miracle? Or a little be from her friends? Yours faithfully, GERALD EAST. Helford Cottage, 43 Manor Road North, Hinchley Wood, Esher,

Stabilizing the pound's rebound

large scale international arrangements it would have been difficult to resist the

hope that the events of the past economy are a most welcor few days indicate that this change from the policies of t

beggar-my-neighbour policies.

The "safety net" for the world, needed to offset the destructive ebb and tide of downward pressure on the these balances, must be pound. The so-called "safety reckoned in tens of billions of

can and must be controlled. I to stimulate the United Stat

previous Administration.
Without a change in Germatitude, however, they will a be sufficient to regain for the sufficient to regain non-Soviet world the moments of steady expansion which w lost in 1974 as a result of th spread of policies based of monetarist fallacies.

If the relative stabilization the pound is carried out at world prospects further in prove, the Government show use the leeway gained to expan the domestic economy. We mu not be tempted to think of rise in sterling as a victor

The first would frustrate or export recovery and the secon because it would lead to cut in public expenditure and pr vate restrictionism. The importance of these problems ha been acknowledged by th Prime Minister himself takin:

Yours, THOMAS BALOGH, Balliol College,

Letraset

shutdown caused by the strike

of 450 members of the Boiler-

makers Union, which had stopped work on the construc-tion of 12 ships.

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voted to accept a recommenda-tion by Mr John Chalmers, the

because of the strike would be

recalled today.

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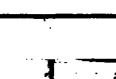
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A successful trading period

Profits for the first half increased by 80% on the same period last year, which was itself a record. The volume of sales has shown the expected growth, and cash flow remains very healthy. The trends of sales and margins are expected to continue firm for the remainder of this financial year, and the Board anticipates a satisfactory increase in second half profits.



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This means that the car maker which was the subject of a massive Government-backed rescue operation last year, can go ahead with proposals to step up output, and recruit another 1,500 workers in one of Scotland's high unemployment areas.

Acceptance indicates a new mood of confidence in a company that less than 12 months ago was threatening to pull out of Britain altogether and was persuaded to stay on the basis of a hig reorganization of its operations and a redundancy programme that involved huge cans at its Midland plants.

Now, with car assembly operations largely centred on the Linwood plant, Chrysler plans to introduce a new small car range committing a criminal offence. Hitherto £10 was the limit. The new Act also made it harder for debtors to be declared bankrupt, Mr Brooks pointed out. A debtor has to be at least £200 in debt, compared with £50 previously, before he can be declared bankrupt. **Record exports** of wool textiles Record exports of £30.4m by the British wool textile industry in November raised the annual rate for 1976 to £293m for 1976 compared with £219m the previous year. November's total was £11.4m, or 60 per cent above earnings in November, 1975. The National Wool Textile Export Corporation said last night that in the first 11 months

Renfrewshire, Chrysler's largest British car assembly plant, have dropped their opposition to the company's plans to introduce double shifts later this year. This means that the car maker

Shop stewards at Linwood,

introduce a new small car range later this year, at present codenamed the 424. The plans for double-shift working from April 18 are regarded by the management as central to the pro-gramme of gearing up Linwood's capacity to cope with the model as well as increasing output of some of the existing range.

Sir, The wild gyrations of the pound which we have experienced in the past few months cannot but render any rational economic calculation in planning of exports difficult and costly. Industries where the gestation period is long (those From Lord Baloch

costly. Industries where the gestation period is long (those producing capital and durable consumer goods) will be especially hit as sufficiently long-term hedges are not available.

These gyrations were not the reflection of the basic forces governing costs and prices in the main trading countries, the long exploded theory of " purchasing power parities" of the relative rates of inflation, as some ill-advised monetarists would have it. They were the consequence of violent, and often irrational alterations of fear and hope.

fear and hope.
In the absence of sensible and

the present relative cost levels and moderate its variations. Britain is not alone in the world and therefore it must, in devising its exchange policy and demand management, take into account the vast surpluses of the Arab Opec countries which are once again increasing and might reach \$50.000 ing and might reach \$50,000m in 1977. It is utter folly to leave the distribution of the consequential deficits of the oil importing countries to alternating and increasingly severe deflationary bouts of

pound. The so-called "safety net" is a valuable step forward but is still insufficient as it covers only official sterling in covers only official sterling holdings and not "hot money".

The present rebound, however, President-elect. Carter's plans

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Controlling the agents is the problem

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nerican Corporation is rer why it and Rand sted their quotes ispended. So in the of any official ennt, there are plenty s, but nothing much to go on—save Randy dramatic share price and the suspensions

since not even a. lding statement has ted, City betting has ne in favour of a rationalization, of and/or a partial take-er than a full scale although the latter ould have much to

petus for a change may me from Randsel's move into Schlesinom the gradual move ning world to simplify it holdings—the tip of woven Anglo iceberg en to view is complex vithout delving below rline. But neither is

upon depriving ricularly easy to market outside South Africa and as a general investment house—last year gold and uranium accounted for 43 per cent of investment income and industrial for 21 per cent compared with 58 per cent selling, will be adopt- and 14 per cent respectively the registration procedure previous year-it could quite easily be fully absorbed into Anglo without much upset in

A full take-over (perhaps by a 2 or 21-for-1 share swop) would allow Anglo to consolidate fully, which would nicely beef up the balance sheet. It would also have a beneficial the code of conduct spin off on De Beers (which in the BIBC scheme holds 40 per cent of Randsel) in the BIBC scheme holds 40 per cent of Randsel) the first time, a unitable time, a unitable the first time, a unitable time,

Milgio),
Whatever happens, Anglo should avoid having the kind of ugly scrap in which Union Corporation, for example, was involved over Geduld Invest-

Allied Breweries

The big

against an annual average of Letraset £35m over the past three years was bound to have the market boggling a bit: and the shares put up a subdued performance yesterday, rising by a mere 1p to 641p, while the rest of the market romped away. The misgivings centre, naturally, on what such a level of spending will do to the balance sheet. Well the answer, inevitably, is that it will put the level of borrowings up. Against a period when profits were depressed by an inter-union dispute, however, Allied has now entered a year in which they are set to rise by over 20 per cent and cash flow will reflect the benefits—even after allowing for what are, in the first instance, likely to be the

with the Teachers acquisition.
In fact, Allied is budgeting for cash flow of around £50m this year, after allowing for property realizations and higher working capital requirements, so that the planned level of capital spending assumes an addition of some £30m to end-

disproportionate costs of servic-

ing the shares issued in con-

Given higher retentions, the implication is that gearing at the end of the two-year programme is not likely to be much higher than the 49 per into profits.

In the meantime, of course, profits will not be as high as they would otherwise have been: for one year's borrowing of £30m is going to cost the group some £5m pre-tax at current rates, which will have to fall substantially to prevent financing costs from rising. Still, there is nothing in all this to suggest that Allied will have to come to the market, either for a rights (a move of which the group disclaims any intention) or for the sale of the Trust Houses Forte stake,

Dunford & Elliott

The credibility gap remains

Dunford & Elliott has produced impressive first quarter results to back up its forecast of £5m pre-tax profits this year and fully diluted earnings of 19p a share. Pre-tax profits in the first three months totalled £1.1m against the forecast of £613,000, the bonus coming from the depressed scrap price. Dunford argues that it has the capacity, the demand and the scope in terms of profit margins to achieve its forecast. And it dismissed comments by Johnson & Firth Brown about its past inability to match forecasts. Is there, therefore, still a case for Johnson & Firth Brown's bid?

The Dunford share price helps provide an answer. 2p to 52p yesterday, in line with J & FB's one for one share bid but below the effective value of that bid including the additional 11p per share available through J & FB's offer for Dunford's preference stock the shares stand at an unrealistically low value if Dunford's orecast is accurate and if, as it argues, its forecast underpins a wider recovery in its fortunes permitting degearing and generation of sufficient working capital to loosen the bonds of

its bankers. In short, Dunford has still to bridge the credibility gap that past years' misfortunes have dug between its management and shareholders. Price movements in the next few days Dunford argument has managed to overcome this problem. it does not, J & FB's bid will

The yield drawback Rehabilitation of its growth

status has done nothing for Letraser's market rating and the shares, moving much in line six months, only managed a 2p rise to 78p yesterday despite the 80 per cent jump in first half pre-tax profits to £2.87m. True, the underlying increase

is somewhat flattered: currency gains account for £300,000 of the rise-and this could well be eroded by the year-end if sterling continues its new-found strength—while the group's mounting cash balances, up another £lm to almost £4.5m in the first half, brought in another £im or so at the pre-

Otherwise, it has been a matter of Letraset continuing to benefit from the volume up-turn that got under way in the middle of last year—this accounting for almost a third of the £3.2m sales increase and its ability to get price rises through fairly promptly. Strongest areas geographically have been Europe and the United States, with the closure of the manufacturing base in much higher than the 49 per cent of last September, and by stat stage its benefits will be flowing through quite strongly into profits.

of the manufacturing base in 5,500m in 1975 by the Economist Intelligence Unit, has there, though this has meant a small rise in the tax charge to into profits.

However, Letraset's success is proving something of a handicap, with cash flow rising at a faster rate than the opportunities to diversify. Openings in the commercial art market are few and far between, while the recent frustration of its efforts to expand in artists materials via the takeover of Winsor & Newton has stunted its ambitions at home for the moment —albeit that the foray was not without its bright side with Letraset netting £150,000 from the sale of is Winsor stake. With the sales recovery now

levelling out Letraset's second-half performance will not be as strong as the first, though the group should manage at least fom for the year for a prospec-tive p/e ratio of 6. But, until it finds some way of loosening its 7 times covered dividend, a 51 per cent yield will remain the chief inhibiting factor. Interim: 1976-77 (1975-76)

Sales E13.4m (E10.2m)
Pre-tax profits E2.87m (E1.6m) Dividend gross 1.26p (0.6p)

INDUSTRIAL STRATEGY: 1, THE FERROUS FOUNDRIES

A new mix in the melting pot

The first of an occasional series of

articles on important sectors of UK

manufacturing industry which are

cooperating with the Government to

reduce obstacles to growth and efficiency

by the Department of Industry industry. This money will go towards improving productivity, bringing more flexibility 19 plant, enhancing the quality of products and improving working conditions.

It is a brave experiment in looking at a basic manufactur-ing sector and seeing whether a partnership between Whitehell and industry can make a funda-mental impact. The aid scheme, however, is only one part of the strategy now being mounted across productive industry to achieve modernization in the medium term.

fron and steel castings are vital components for many other industries. More than a third of United Kingdom production goes, for example, to the vehicle manufacturers, while a similar amount finds its way into engineering at large, with the balance being supplied to mining, railways and construction.

The ferrous foundries were selected for special attention because the supply of both iron and steel castings appeared to be a serious constraint during the surge in industrial activity in 1973. There has, however, been a net loss of 431 iron and 11 steel foundries in the decade up to last year, so that it is reasonable to ask whether the

In tonnage terms the output to customers, raising employee of ferrous foundries has been morale and opening up export industry is in any better shape now to respond to demands At the last count there were

745 iron foundies with a gross output of £835m, producing more than three million tonnes An economic development of castings. To these must be added some 80 steel foundries with an annual gross output of £172m, delivering more than a quarter of a million tonnes. Together they employ about 100,000 workers, a drop of 40,000 or so since 1963.

Foundries are not pleasant places of work and they seem to have a high incidence of accidents, as well as more than their fair share of industrial disputes. One thing achieved by the strategy review has been forms attention on mannower problems as well as the issues of finance, investment, materials

placed on it in a revival.

in decline, with strong competition from substitute materials and from both direct and in-

team, led by an independent chairman, Mr Ken Corfield, deputy chairman of Standard Telephones and Cables, is con-centrating the industry's attention on a wide range of issues.

The main problem as perceived by customers industries is supply difficulties, including unreliable delivery. There is little

overall shortage of physical capacity, except at peak times, but much of it is old, with poor working environments. So the introduction of an aid scheme under section 8 of the Industry Act is seen as having

particularly markets, machined castings.

The provision of more capacity comes at a time when import penetration is said to be small, but dangers need to be anticipated. Modern capacity is being expanded in such countries as Japan, Thai-land, Singapore, Mexico and Spain and some types of castings are starting to enter Britain from sources like these at competitive prices.

In the past too many foundries saw their job as supplying castings on a commodity basis rather than selling components. With few exceptions (pipes, ingot moulds and construction items) castings are sent for incorporation into a direct impact on out-of-date other machinery and plant, plant, providing a better service Companies which have special-

utilization are said to have found benefits both for customers and for themselves.

Foundries have tended to ing plant averages 20 years, that of sand plant 15 years and fettling plant 12. This is in spite of evidence that the economic life of such units is really much shorter.

Part of the problem has been uneconomic pricing and the power of buyers. Sometimes castings have been priced according to weight, not allowing for complexity of manufacture, length of run, testing and

The impact of highly amplified order cycles, with unrealistically long order books and long delivery dates in times of boom is a big problem. So, too, is over-ordering or frequent add to lead times. The supply of quality scrap is a big head-

On thing is clear. The industrial strategy review has made many people think more deeply about their industry. That 233 applications for investment aid have been received by the Department of Industry is a sign that the talk is being backed by action.

Maurice Corina

How the wholesalers are finding friendship in the corner shop

The climate in retail grocery, where the emphasis with all the supermarket leaders is on very large super stores and hyper-markets, makes Linfood Holdings' purchase of a chain of small grocery stores through Gateway Securities seem a curious move. The reasoning behind the acquisition becomes clearer if

pool buying and marketing reit is related to recent developments by other groups, such as Booker McConnell and Wheatsheaf Distribution & Trading, which have areas of business similar to those of Linfood. But for the full picture to become apparent it is necessary to go further back down the retail distribution pipeline into the wholesale area.

For all these companies have extensive food wholesaling interests dealing with indepengroups have made further gains dent grocers, small multiples and the voluntary symbol groups, such as Spar, VG and Mace. The major supermarket multiples—Tesco, Sainsbury and the rest—either rum their own wholesale depots or, increas-ingly, take supplies direct from the manufacturers as required.

Although the multiples share of total grocery trade, valued at

52,800m, remain an important component. Four companies (Tesco, Cavenham, Sainsbury, and International) about a quarter of all grocery turnover and their scope for making economies of scale is proportionately large.
The independents, which have

been under severe pressure not just from the multiples and more recently from hypermarkets but from the stringencies affecting small businesses in general, have been forced to seek similar savings wherever they can. Not all have they can. Not succeeded, however. The EIU estimates that nearly

quarter of independent grocery stores disappeared be-rween 1961 and 1971 to leave a total of 77,500 outlets. Since then, particularly during the past two years, the rate of shop closures generally has accelerated.

In the multiple and co-opera-tive sector, the Institute of Grocery Distribution issued results last month indicating that the rate of closures during the

year ending April, 1976, was the highest ever recorded. In order to resist the general pressures independent grocery turned to the voluntary trading groups for help. These were formed by independent retailers, who, working with a group of wholesalers, clubbed together to

The success of this method of trading can be measured by its growth. From their start in Britain in the early 1960s the voluntary groups' share of total grocery trade has increased to more than 20 per cent, while that of unaffiliated independents fell from about 40 per cent to less than 17 per cent between 1961 to 1975. The indication during the past year has been that the voluntary

by picking up new members among the shops shed by the Behind the voluntary groups, the largest of which are VG, Spar and Mace, whose trading names and symbols are familiar

all over Britain, lie wholesalers like Linfood, whose names are almost unknown by the general While there are no formal written contracts between wholesalers and retail members strong "gentleman's users "that the retailer will buy all the goods he needs from

the group wholesaler. In return he obtains a variety of services, some free and some for which a charge is made. These include collective advertising and an advisory service on store management including loans and insurance

The theory behind the arrangement is that, given a large stable demand for goods assured by the retailers' commitment to buy mainly from the group, the wholesaler can get better terms from manufacturers and pass these on to the retailer. Also, by helping the retailers to increase their own turnover the wholesalers

A process of rationalization similar to that which occurred among multiple retailers in the late 1960s and early 1970s has taken place among the whole-salers. Linfood Holdings was formed after a series of amalgamations, ending in late 1974

Associated Food Holdings and Thomas Linnell & Sons, both large-scale suppliers to the Spar symbol group. With a turnover for the year

ending April, 1976, of more than £190m it is the biggest single supplier to the 4,000 shops which are members of the Spar voluntary group. Mr David Linnell, Linfood's managing director, is also chairman of Spar Food Holdings, the voluntary group's parent com-

small grocery shops through its wholesaling activities is therebefore the acquisition of Gateway's 94 grocery shops, Lin-

Patricia Tisdall

food already owned 166 stores which trade under the Spar-

Like its existing stores, Linfood's new purchases have an average trading area of 5,000 sq ft, which is about half the average size of the new stores being opened by the multiples.
Because of the company's knowledge of operating small grocery stores, Mr Linnell is connaen of a voluntary group there is a pects for Gateway. Should any strong "gentleman's agree of the Gateway shops prove ment" that the retailer will uneconomic as part of a chain, Linfood is exceptionally well placed with Spar to transfer to a franchise basis, if, for instance, the store manager is prepared to "go independent" or to find a successor if he Linfood is also well aware

that the acquisition of Gateay brings new customers to its warehouses.

Looking further to the future,

the Gateway deal gives Linfood a 28.9 per cent share stake in Bishop's Stores, a family-controlled company based in Middlesex, which not only operates 60 or so stores but is also a wholesaler supplier to

symbol groups.

Mr Linnell admits that the holding in Bishop's offers an interesting possibility, but stresses that he regards full cooperation by the management of any operation he acquires as of great importance.

Linfood's reasoning is evidently very similar to that of Booker McConnell. Like Linfood, this group has an exten-sive direct delivery grocery wholesale trade as well as cash and carry warehouses among its many other interests.

It is the biggest single supplier to Mace, one of the three largest voluntary groups, and, with the purchase of Kinloch (Provision Merchants) late last year, it also acquired an entry to Wavy Line, another, smaller Also like Linfood, Booker Mc-

Connell has built up a substantial chain of small grocery retail stores. With Budgen & Company it acquired 158 stores and in December it added a further 65 through the pur-chase of Kinloch. A third big wholesale sup-

plier to the voluntary groups is Wheatsheaf Distribution and Trading Although it is better known for its Carrefour hypermarket activities at the oppoabout 40 per cent of Wheat-shears trade comes from servicing about 2,000 retail members of the VG voluntary chain. Unlike Linfood and Booker McConnell, Wheatsheaf has phased out its ownership of smaller grocery stores (at one time is owned 60). Mr E. Aylett Moore, Wheatsheaf's chairman, says he "believes strongly in the future of the private sec-

tor " in grocery retailing. Besides their extensive in-volvement in " direct delivery " wholesaling the three companies are also deeply engaged in the cash and carry side of wholesale distribution. About half of Wheatsheaf's trade comes from this sector and about a third of Linfood's business comes from

The cash and carry trade, which, according to the A. C. Nielsen market research company, turned over £1,116m in the year ending January, 1975, relies heavily on business from unaffikated independent traders. Although some experts be-

lieve that the tide is now start-ing to turn, cash and carry fered from static or declining sales in the last few years. Mr Linnell, of Linfood, is

nevertheless optimistic that cash and carry business have a stable long-term future. Fy extension of trade into non-food areas, such as toys, alcoholic drinks, textiles and so on he stable long-term future. also envisages expansion by attracting new types of cus-

"In the South-east for instance", he says, "bingo halls are very valuable customers of Linfood's cash and carry trade."
However, the main immediate Linfood's structure rests clearly with the voluntary groups of small grocery stores.

While they contain some chains under common owner-

ship (such as those run by Linthe valuntary group stores are rypically family-owned and family-run businesses mainly in residential areas and local shopping centres.

As such, they do not neces-sarily compete with the larger and medium-sized supermarket multiples in the high street, which the latest research indicates have been the most vulnerable to competition from super stores and hypermarkets trading with lower operational costs on the outskirts of towns and offering keener prices.

Fresent thinking, in a variety
of quarters, is that the small

corner grocery shop has as much a place in the future of retailing as has the hyper-

Business Diary: Soccer pitch • Unto this last

18 to be seen whether e four British national ams will be in Buenos up in the summer of owever, one English nother sort has already This is West Nally, a narketing consultancy, s won the contract to stadium and publica-erosing on behalf of iss-based interruling body. Nally is the consult-

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ing any central body zrtment of Industry

Whether British shoemakers are back where they started depends upon whether White-hall and the industry take up a recommendation agreed by steering group members.

body, with representatives both from Whitehall and the industry, including those like leather makers and component manusented on the steering group.
Figures to be released next month are likely to show that imports now account for about four tenths of the British market, although there are signs of improved exports, particularly of quality footwear.

job that was once held by AUEW president Hugh Scanlon and also by the former Labour Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster Fred (now Lord) Lee has just changed hands againafter three decades. The chairmanship of the powerful trade union works committee at GEC'S big heavy engineering factory at Trafford Park, Manchester, has been held for a record-breaking 30 years by 72-year-old Bert Brennan. Now he has decided to retire and will be succeeded by 56-year-old machine tool setter Alec Green, an AUEW convener and mem-ber of the works committee for the past 10 years.

Desk-bound

Business people checking in for flights at Copenhagen international airport are getting more smoothly through the formalities than at most other ed an industry steering more smoothly through the ider George Marriott, formalities than at most other soon to be wound up. European airports. This is be-



Hollowood

Then there's the 13 week's of business optimism generated by Kenneth Galbraith's economic series on the telly."

cause instead of having to go to the counter of the airline with which they are booked they can go to any of a dozen The national airline, Scandinavian Airlines System, will "handle" for all the other

staff is ready to accept all The obvious question, if you have ever stood fuming in, say, the Lufthansa queue while British Airways next door filed their nails without any pas-sengers at that particular moment, is "why can't all the airlines get together and have

scheduled operators and its

a common check-in, at all air-ports, big and small?" Airlines we tried the idea on say it is "impractical", but we suspect that the real ob-jection is that they would lose the prestige held to go with the

above their check-in But where is the prestige in causing an unnecessary queue of hot, tired and laden passengers?

Surely this is something which the airlines could sort out through the International which after all exists to make life smoother for air travellers. rather than for the airlines. Or

Also ran?

In evidence to the Royal Comin evidence to the Royal Tommission on Gambling, the Harserace Totalisator (Tote) Board is suggesting that it should have a monoply of offcourse betting and the bookies should be allowed a piece of the action only when it comes to on-course betting.
The Tote submission was

enough to knock the shares of Ladbrokes and Coral, which both have large book-making interests. But most of the resultant hostility has been directed at Woodrow Wyatt, the Tote chairman. " the He has said that

appear, for some 50 years ago the Earl of Carnaryon, then Lord Porchester, put up a similar proposal for an off-course Tote monopoly to Sir Chancellor of the Exchequer. In his memoirs, No Regrets, the earl, father of the present Lord Porchester, the Queen's racing manager, says of his proposal: "Thus the country's vast expenditure on betting would be controlled by a central organization and the profit herefrom be reinvested in the industry with increased prize money and innumerable other benefits, as well as producing revenue for the Chancellor of

industry and spend them on

hotels, casinos, marinas, amuse-ment centres and so on ".

Yet Wyatt's proposals are not as revolutionary as they

the Exchequer". The idea did not get very far and, when the earl suggested that all book-makers should be abolished except for those operating on-course, Sir Winston is recorded as retorting: shall never be a party to such

a suggestion! "Why should I, a staunch upholder of democracy, deprive any man of earning an honest living. I might throw about half a million people out of work and I have no intention of

A reader whose Renault ca broke down tells us that when she telephoned the importer's West London garage and asked them to tow it in for repair she was told they could nottheir breakdown truck had book-makers suck out profits from the racing

Trident Television has had a most successful year"



Ward Thomas, CSE, DFC, Chairman, Trident Television Limited

REVENUE, PROFITS UP "Trident has had a most successful

year," states Mr. G. E. Ward Thomas, Chairman of Trident Television Limited, in his Report for the year. "Television advertising revenue has been buoyant, moving up to second place among the ITV contractors. Our Australian enterprise has developed to the point at which we begin to see a return on our investment and our other interests havealso substantially improved their

Pre-tax profit for the year ended 30th September 1976 was £4.82 million (1975: £2.09 million) and net earnings per share increased to 6.1 pence (2.5 pence).

	Year ended 30th Sept. 1976	Year ended 30th Sept. 1975
	£000	£000-
Turnover	47,178	33,860
Profit before Taxation	4,826	2,092
Earnings per Share	6.1 pence	2.5 репсе
Dividend per Share	2.3 pence	2.1 pence

A final dividend of 1.615 pence per share, together with the interim dividend already paid, makes a total dividend for the year of 2.322 pence per share (1975: 2.111 pence).

PROSPECTS

"We are currently forecasting a further increase in revenue and, despite increasing costs, we anticipate a further improvement in results both from television and from our other interests in the UK and overseas." Mr. Thomas commented that

Trident continued to maintain its strong liquid position, and that the time was appropriate to utilise funds for further acquisition. "All in all, I am confident that 1977 will be another year of successful

Annual Report available from: Trident House, Brooks Mews, W1Y1LF

growth for your Company," he

Y Trident Television Limited 13

Nationalized industry prices rising faster than in private sector

A retail price index of union militancy and conse-nationalized industry prices over the 15 years 1960 to 1975 wage inflation." rose much faster than a com-parable index compiled for total retail prices, according to a study released yesterday by the National Economic Develop-ment Office.

The study*, one of three back-

ground papers published as supplements to the NEDO study of state industries produced last November, says that the retail price index of nationalized in-dustry products rose by 8.4 per cent per annum during the period under review, as against per cent for the total retail

Price index.
But NEDO gives warning that the direct role of state industries in the inflationary process should not be exaggerated. "Their contribution, as a per-centage in the total increase in retail price inflation, was little more than 8 per cent and this was only slightly greater than the volume share of national-

restraint and subsidies to state industries may help to mitigate wage and price inflation, but there may be less desirable effects.

"If offsetting reductions are not made", it says, "subsidies imply an increase in government expenditure. If this increase cannot be financed by increased taxation, sale of government securities or overseas borrowing, an increase in money supply will result.

"This will, under the monetarist argument, increase intimulonalists' argument, it could increase excess demand for substitutions and substitution and, even under the institutionalists' argument, it could increase excess demand for substitutions and large importers.

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labour, lead to an increase in

wage inflation."
Subsidies will also cause misallocation of resources, says the study, if used to maintain acti-vity in an inefficient sector. The other two papers published yesterday cover the relationships of state industries

with other sectors of the economy, and exports and with other imports.
Discussing the relationships which have evolved with other sectors the NEDO says the nationalized industries are particularly important as sup-

pliers of intermediate products Sales to private consumers are also more important than for the average manufacturing industry. In 1971, for example, more than 50 per cent of the output of gas, electricity, coal, railways and ports and telecommunications went to per-sonal consumers; the average for manufacturing industry was

the volume share of nationalized industry products in total
consumer expenditure."

The final study shows that
both British Airways and the
British Steel Corporation are
restraint and subsidies to state
major foreign exchange earners

Bonn urged to safeguard textile jobs

Bonn, Jan 18.—The German textile industry needed protec-tion against dumped and favoured imports from developing countries as well as immediate tax concessions to expand or even to stay competi-tive, Herr Wilhelm Hardt, president of the Textile Industry Association, said today at

the annual meeting.

Herr Hardt cited imports of Turkish cotton yarn and Italian pantiehose as examples of textile imports that were directly or indirectly subsidized by their governments, although these countries were bound by European Community agreements

forbidding this. He also mentioned imports from South Korea, Taiwan and Brazil which receive favourable treatment under the terms of the World Textile Agreement. Herr Detley Rohwedder, state secretary of the Federal Economics Ministry, who attended the meeting, responded

attended the meeting, responded to Herr Hardt's comments by saying that the federal govern ment was continuing negotiations against dumped imports according to the terms of hinding agreements. However, in some cases, as with the Italian pantiehose, it was difficult to

prove any violation.

Regarding the World Textile
Agreement, Herr Rohwedder
felt it would be better to renew the agreement, due to expire at the end of this year, under its present form.
Figures released by the tex-

tile association indicated that orders to German textile makers rose an estimated 6 per cent in real terms in 1976, while production was up an estimated 10 per cent. For the first 11 months, German tex-tile exports were up 23.8 per cent from the comparable 1973
period to DM12,064m (some £3,000m) while imports rose only 15.9 per cent to

Herr Hardt noted that a recent survey of the industry for 1977 should reach last validated of just over pear's level of just over DM1,000m.

Subsidence raises cost of insurance

Many householders who claim from their insurance companies because their homes have been affected by subsidence will have to meet more of the repair costs

This is the result of changes heing made by the companies to the wording of their policies —the result of an enormous in-crease in subsidence claims caused by last summer's

The change, however, will not affect the thousands of householders who have already put in claims. Because of the contractual nature of insurance policies, the tougher subsidence clause cannot be inserted until existing policies come up for renewal.

Under the old wording, householders were in most cases liable to pay the first 3 per cent of the insured value of their homes and the insurance company met the rest of the repair bills. But because this basis penalized those who were insured properly and benefited those who were underinsured, the companies are now to make householders pay the first 3 per cent of the rebuilding cost of the house.

Because the rebuilding cost of a house is often much higher than either the market value or the sum insured, the householder's 3 per cent will also be

insurance companies have seen subsidence claims soor in the past two years. In 1976 alone they estimate claims will total about £65m, each claim averaging about £3,000.

The first company to go ahead with the change is the Sun Alliance, which has operated the new clause since January 1 on new policies and which will apply it to existing policies as they come up for renewal. All the other main companies are expected to follow suit. Sun Alliance is altering the excess clause from 3 per cent

Millspaugh men get jobs

Ronald Kershaw Millspaugh, the Sheffield engineering company, which announced its closure on Monday was yesterday " inundated ' with inquiries from other groups looking for skilled and semi-skilled workers. A spokesman for the com-

pany, which is part of Sulzer. the United Kingdom subsidiary of the Swiss Gebrüder Sulzer Group, said there would be little trouble finding alternative work for at least two thirds of the 362 hourly paid workers

pared to release people as soon as they find jobs, is particularly pleased at the demand for craft apprentices, of which there are 70. The 209 salaried staff include draughtsmen.

The company has a workload which will last four or five months; after that it will drop dramatically. Sulzer UK, which produces paper-making machinery and welded components for use in process engineering, is closing because of the continuing economic recession and lack of orders.

M.Y. DART

Sporting goods, packaging, pyrotechnics The A.G.M. was held on 30th December 1976. Extracts from the 1975/76 Report and Accounts and Statement of the Chairman, Mr. Sidney Marks, OBE:-

* Group turnover including share of associates increased to £10,617,000 (£8,743,000).

* Exports increased by 29°, to £3.4 million. * The profit for the full year after a depressed

first half almost equalled that of the previous record year at £1,175,000 (£1,220,000). * Gross dividends totalled 23.1231 (1975 -

* Net assets, after revaluation of Group prop-

erties, advanced to £4,344,000. At the meeting, the Chairman said that the half year just ending would show record sales. Plans to expand all

divisions within the Group were receiving attention.

Copies of the 1975/76 Report and Accounts are available from The Secretary, M. Y. Dart Limited, Moton Street, Barnet, EN5 5TR.

FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Stock markets

Index clears 375, scoring 23 points in four days

Against a background of favourable economic news, the buyers were out in force and for the fourth day running share prices made good pro-

gress.
The main incentives for investors were Monday's trade figures and the prospect of a significant cut in the Minimum Lending Rate at the end of the week. The FT Index, 7.3 up at 11 am, rallied from an easier note in the early after-mon to close 6.7 ahead at 381.1, a gain of more than 23 points over the last four sessions.

A point of encouragement for some was that the index

Up sprang the profits of Leyland Paint & Wallpaper from £424,000 to a record £1.39m in the year to October 2. The board's optimism suggests E2m or more this year. At 36p, the shares are valued at little more than E2m, and there is a 14 per cent vield as well.

had gone above 375, a point often seen as the market's upper limit by those who think little progress will be made until later this year.

Government bonds had another good day, with heavy

Heron goes like

stalks Henlys

Reynolds, chairman.

breached the £1m profits mark

sales more than 28 per cent ahead at £51m.

Mr Reynolds reported that

nearly all activities throughout the United Kingdom contri-

buted to the increase. Particu-

larly strong improvements were seen in both new and used car

New car sales amounted to something like £24m despite continuing difficulties in obtain-

ing new vehicles from British

Levland and to a lesser extent

Rolls-Royce. The group believes

that it could easily have lifted this figure by a further £9m if the cars had been forthcoming.

The recently launched truck and van rental division 'con-

tinued strongly but truck sales

were again disappointing, reflecting low industrial

Heron still refuses to be

drawn on the question of its

motor group Henlys. Heron

from Brown Brothers Corpora-

tion last October for £1.84m-

a price of 67p a share compared

with the market price then of

picked up 40,000 shares in the market, fuelling talk that a bid

possibly involving the parent Heron Corporation was in the

yesterday: "We regarded the shares as a first-class invest-

ment. We will continue to con-

sider the situation and take

action when and as we see fit."

84p last night Heron is already showing a paper profit of over £450,000 on its purchase from

Richards bows

man of Richards, reports. His board was backed in its efforts

by a number of major share-

holders but it was all to no

But two newly-agreed points swung the balance. They were an offer of 50p cash for each of Richards' 25,000 £1 nominal

preference, and an amendment to the 30p ordinary offer. This

allowed holders to keep the 0.65p net interim dividend that

Still convinced that the group is worth more than 30p

a share, the board was "strongly influenced by its belief" that Record Ridgway

intended to accept the increased

offer, and that Imperial Knife might in any event have gained enough shares to win. Imperial

Knife's offer closes on February

Briefly

SCOTTS RESTAURANT Scotts Restaurant has bought as an investment 164,951 ord in Bris-

an investment 164,591 of in 5415-tol Stadium for £18,000 cash. This holding, together with the 180,000 ord bought in May last year, brings holding to 10.45 per cent. Scotts has no present intention of increasing holding.

MOOLOYA INVESTMENTS*
Accounts as at June 30, 1976,
not yet available, but they will
be published within next month,
board states.

Board reports that accounts for year to June 30, 1976, delayed by difficulty in completing accounts for two overseas substantial hopes to publish results about middle of February and accounts by February 25.

L. B. HOLLIDAY

Richards is to declare.

Brown Brothers.

out to Imp

Knife's 30p

With Healys' shares closing at

However, Mr Reynolds said

Later the same month Heron

turnover in all sections of the 21p to 131p on union opposition market. Short-dated stocks to possible power station meradvanced very sharply in the gers.

Stores, where Gateway has a stake 3p to the good at 75p.

Food issues also attracted demand. notably Rowntree, which market. Short-dated stocks to possible advanced very sharply in the morning and closed up to a point higher on the day, within an eighth of a point of their in Gla

Widespread confidence that interest rates would fall, together with some signs of overseas interest, ensured a strong market. " Mediums " were

"Mediums" were also stronger and there was also good demand for the long-dated stocks. Gains in "longs" ranged up to 3 of a point, in exceptionally heavy trading. The long-dated stocks closed at around their peak for the day.

Hopes for a recovery in the industry and high yields brought some good gains to the building sector, where the best were Johnson-Richards Tiles, up 14p 160p, Tilbury Contracting 13p to 206p, Marchwiel 7p to 127p, Taylor Woodrow 6p to 254p, BPB 5p to 132p, AP Cement 5p to 171p and Concrete 4p to 49p. But Travis & Arnold were left 3p lower at 107p after a bid denial.

Ahead of results today, Rank

ended unchanged at 158p. after touching 162p, but elsewhere in the sector EMI added 7p to 226p and Chloride 2p to 99p.

Among the other cmps, the strongest spots were to be found in Glaxo, better by 12p to 422p, Unilever 10p to 434p, Pilkington 9p to 302p, Beecham 8p to 396p and Courtanlds 4p to 103p. But ICI, though the busiest

In spite of reports that the

counter of the day, was hit by two-way trading and closed at an unchanged 357p.

New Year sales claims were extravagant and some disappointing sales figures, stores continued to be in demand with Mothercare gaining 8p to 216p. Boots 7p to 129p. Gus "A" 6p to 185p, WH Smith "A" 4p to 354p and House of Fraser 3p

spurted 12p to 215p after a late run. Sale Tilney up 7p to 117p, Booker McConnell 6p to 144p and Sainsbury 5p to 150p, Best of the engineers were Weyburn 14p ahead to 360p after lost week's figures, Dowly op to 103p, Tube Investments op 13 334p and APV op to 282p. The annual meeting of Bass

Charrington, up 3p to 99p, brought interest to the drinks sector with Guinness 2p to the good at 128p after its report and Allied firm at 65p after news of a big expansion plan. But firmest of all was Vaux 354p and House of Fraser 3p with a rise of 10p to 245p. Tea to 80p. After the terms from Linfoct's. Cateway "A" rose another 1!p to 59p with Bishop's 150p and Lunuva 13p to 85p.

Latest dividends

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Company	Ord	Year	Pay	Year's	Prev
(and par value)	div	220	CATE	total	year
Amber Day (10p) Lot	C.66	0.60	_	_	12
Crouch Group (25p) Int	0.89	0.89	23		2.68
Deborah Int	1.95	1	_		5.33
Heron Motor (25p) Int	1.55	1.40	14	_	3.57
Letraset (10p) Int	0,81	0.39	83	_	2.53
Trident Television (10p)	1,61	1.46	1 4	2.32	2.11
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to arreact attention with Bristol Stadium adding 3p to 1.3p after news that the Scotts Restaurant stake had risen to more than 10 per cent. Fox's Biscuits better at 102p on fresh bid hopes and Lyle Shipping 10p to the good at 132p. Late in the day, FMC was very firm and finally closed 13p better at 72p on renewed hopes of terms from Borrhwick. Common Brothers reacted 7p

to 183p on profit-taking, The possibility of timber prices being referred to the Monopolies Commission did not stop M. L. Meyer rising 1p to 48p and Magnet Southerns 3p to 130p. Hickson & Welch continued to be helped by last week's figures and were 12p to the good at 345p at one point. In the financial sector, the clearing banks ended at, or just below their overnight levels, but there were two good spots to be found in Hill Samuel 4p to 67p and Smith St Aubyn 4p

350p, Haslemere 7p to 172p and Guildhall 6p to 60p.

There is now some doubt whether Argo Group's doc outlining its 25p a share i Williams Hudson will g within the required 28 d the hid announcement or Year's Eve. Argo is belie have asked the Takeover for an extension, althous would not comme night. One report sugges delay lies with the Ba England, whose conserved, but this man be of the mark. The sharese unmoved at 24p.

unchanged at 52p. After fi Trident TV rose 32p to

but F. Wrighton lost 2p t

Equity turnover on Janua was £58.60m (12,923 barg

According to Exchange

graph, active stocks yes were ICI, BAT Dfd, Shel clays, BP, Trident TV. Demand for property shares
Trust Houses Forte. Trust Houses Forte, Tre rington, Woolworth, L GKN, GEC, Beecham, croft, Dowty, Lucas, P Johnson - Richards, In oils, BP rose 6p to 820p, Parsons, Davy Interna Lasmo 10p to 290p, while English Property and RT

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Looking more like its old self every year Hull based Status Discount, the paint and wall-

Heron Motor Group lifted pre-rax profits 51 per cent in the six months to September 30 and business is still "going like a bomb" according to Mr Peter S. But the return to Status must The Heron Corporation's 75 per cent owned subsidiary which for the first time last year lifted interim pre-tax profits from £537,000 to £813,000 on The interim dividend goes up from 2.17p gross to 2.38p. Last year's total was 4.4p.

But the first six months saw the long profits leap. Then they strode from £95,000 to £315,000,

It looks, however, as if Status can at least think of regaining the heights of 1971-72 and the year after, when profits were £927,000 and £1.3m. But the directors do not say as much. Five big stores opened last year and three more will do so

The board of Kuala Lumpur

Panel's advice

Efforts to persuade Imperial Knife to pay a price "better reflecting the true worth" of Richards of Sheffield were unsuccessful, Mr W. Muller, chair-Deborah Services

Deborah Services, a specialist caffolding and insulation scaffolding and insulation group has had "another successful half year". Pre-tax profits rose 6 per cent to 2340,000 and turnover climbed 7 per cent to £3.1m. Mr A. L. Britton, chairman, says that the policy of concentrating on longterm maintenance contracts continues to pay off. The recent acquisition in Scotland is now contributing to profits. The group, whose shares are traded "over the counter" is

Burroughs' £4m loss The slide in sterling was

SOUTHERN INDIA TEA

LEEDS & DISTRICT

GLOBE AND ELECTRA

WILLIAM PICKLES

Status still has plenty of stamina

Bir E. D. Healey, chairman of

loss was struck after charging

£6.68m of exchange losses against £2.39m and rax of £1.49m against £359,000.

puter group—a subsidiary of the United States Burroughs

Steady growth

at Amber Day

steady progress this year.

In the half-year to September 30, the sales of F. Wrighton and Sons (Associated Com-

and Sons (Associated Com-panies) edged forward from £3.86m to £3.9m, but pre-tax profits fell from £202,500 to £167,900. The board explains that the small sales increase reflects a fall in volume. Prices were held for about 12

months and in the contract

field for even longer. But turnover did not rise as expected and belatedly prices were raised.

Moreover, the fall in sterling raised the cost of materials.

better sales and if they get them "something approaching

last year's figures for the full year should be reached".

In the year to March 31, 1976, pre-tax profits were £472,000. Wrighton manufactures furniture, mainly fitted

Nationwide adamant

The directors of Nationwide Leisure are ready to reject the

The directors still hope for

Higher prices may

help F Wrighton

This Middlesex-based com-

Status Discount.

paper discounter which plunged into losses in 1974 after an excursion into kitchens, carpets and furniture, foresees continued progress.

mean that this progress will be more staid from now on. From 1974's losses of £33,000 the group moved swiftly to pretax profits of £367,000 in 1974-75. Unabashed, it then more than doubled them to £756,724 in the year to Nov-ember 30 last. Sales climbed a fifth to £12.1m.

leaving a respectable £442,000 for the second half year.

this year.

Extraordinary items were

smaller last year indicating that property provisions are indeed in the past. Earnings a share rose from 2.61p to 3.15p and a final dividend of 1.5p gross takes the total to the maximum

Status went out of the dividend list in 1974 and 1975 and late last year lost its close company standing. But the Healey family one way and another is 26.7 per cent stake in rival a key shareholder.

K. L. K. selling estate

epong has executed a conditional agreement with multipurpose holdings to sell its 1,445 acre Kepong Estate for \$28.9m. This is to be paid in five yearly instalments, subject to the approval of the Estate Land Board and the appropriate authorities granting permission for the conversion of the property into a housing development. The agreement also needs shareholders' approval.

The Takeover Panel has issued a statement advising companies involved in legalproceedings in takeover offers. It says that if the board of an offered company contem-plates such proceedings in relation to an offer or prospective offer, problems may in some cases arise under the Code. "The board would therefore be well advised in such a case to consult the Panel before any action is taken", it adds.

raising its interim dividend from 1.52p gross to 3p.

proposed offer from British Car Auctions. It would value Nationwide's shares at 10p The board has been told that the market for BCA shares is

largely to blame for a net profit of £225,000 turning into a loss of £3.76m at Burroughs Machines in the year to November 30. Turnover rose from £71.8m to £84.7m. The

Meghji Kanji and Co of Nairobi, the beneficial owner of 47,633 ord in Southern India Tea Estate (18.4

Leeds and District Dyers and Finishers' chairman told annual meeting that for first quarter of current year turnover up 40 per cent. Profit commensurate with increase.

In the nine months to December 31 last, gross revenue of Globe investment Trust rose from 23.65m to 54.48m. Pre-tax income up from 62.98m to 53.78m. Electra invest-

ment Trust's gross revenue expanded from £2.55m to £3.07m and pre-tax from £2.14m to £2.64m.

WILLIAM FICKLES
William Pickles sub, Harrow
Fabrics (International) of Birmingham has bought A. C. Freeman
and Son of Bournemouth for

limited and there is "therefore no certainty that BCA shares will sell in the open market for 30p".

A cash alternative is considered essential from a group the size of BCA as it would give those shareholders who

LONDON & MANCHESTER London and Manchester Assur and Mathematics Assur-ance has bought a further 6,000 deferred stares of British Indus-tries and General Trust, making its holding 747.500 deferred shares (18.13 per cent).

BLANTYRE TEA HLDGS Board reports that a record crop has helped to contain rising costs, so to expects "substantially increased profit" for year to September 30, 1976.

ANSAFONE—BELL CANADA Northern Telecom (member of the Bell Canada Group) and Ansa-fone (an ATV company) have agreed for Northern Telecom to market Ansafone's new range of market Ansafone's new range or compact telephone answering machines in Canada and United States. Northern Telecom has placed an immediate order for production in the United Kingdom and the company expects the agreement to generate "substanagreement to generate "tal additional business".

have been "locked in" for many years an offer of "known value in cash". The board's earlier rejection statement said that another publicly-quoted company had asked for details of Nationwide, so that it could think about

Amev Life in

UK expansion NV Amey, one of the largest insurance groups in the Nether-lands, has bought 20 per cent holding in Amer Life Assur-ance, its United Kingdom off-shoot. It was formerly held by Bankers Trust International, apart from 5 per cent held elsewhere. BTI continues how-

ever as investment manager. At the same time the capital of Amey Life has been increased by fim to fil.5m to finance expansion in Britain. It is also dropping the name Triad used to describe its managed bond, investment plan and money fund. The name Amey

R & J Pullman look for rise in year's figures

replaces it.

Corporation, says that orders held up well. On turnover up from £4.4m to 55.16m for the half-year to September 30 last, pre-tax profits of R. and J. Pullman reached 5342,000, compared with 5304,000 last time, after interest of 5139,000 (580,000). Pullman's board reports that After record profits of £920,000 in the year to April 30, Amber Day Holdings managed a trade remains buoyant in ex-15 per cent rise to £555,000 in the six months to October 31. current period should show an

Sales went up from £6.68m to improvement on the second half from 0.92p gross to 1.01p and creased total for the year. This earnings a share were 2.51p group covers the manufacturer, against 2.86p. distribution and retail of Mr R. Metzger, chairman, men's, iadies' and children's £7.26m. The dividend goes up of last year, making an in says that business in both the outer wear clothing retail and manufacturing divisions is good. Orders Local authorities are healthy and liquidity is The coupon on this

strong. So the chairman con-firms his earlier forecast of

The coupon on this week's collection of local authority bonds has dropped ! to 13! per Camden, Grampian, Merton, Redbridge and Uttlesford with film each, followed by East-leigh, Kirklees and South Wight with £750,000 apiece.

Euromarkets

Upheaval at Italian Int Bank subsides

The management upheaval at Italian International Bank, the London consortium bank, has now been rounded off with the appointment of Dr Renato Paolucci of the Banco di Napoli to the post of chairman of the Executive Committee. His appointment follows that of Mr Efraim Varesio as chief executive. Dr Paolucci's appointment has been made "in order to emphasize the firm commitment to the full support of the IIB of the ultimate four shareholder banks."

The directors say that in the first six months to December 31, 1976, IIB continued to make profits on all its various activities. The recently reported shortfall of £4m on the security relating to certain loans has been guaranteed by Anciennes Institution de Credit Italiennes, the Luxembourg holding company owned by the four share-holder-banks.

OCCIDENTAL PETROLEUM
Occidental Petroleum is arranging to float a \$30m 10-year Eurobond issue, bearing 8.75 per cent. through a syndicate led by Kidder Peabody International. The bonds will be offered by a subsidiary, Occidental Overseas Finance NV, and guaranteed by the parent. Subscription price and final terms are due January 26.

ENSO-GUTZEIT
Enso-Gutzeit Osakeyhtio is offering \$30m of notes due in 1984.
The notes will be guaranteed by the Republic of Finland whose outstanding United States dollar issues have recently been rated "AAA" by Standard & Poors and "AA" by Moody's The issue will be underwritten by an international boulding syndicate, led by Credit Suisse White Weld.

ESSELTE AB
Esselte AB, the Swedish office
supply and publishing group, is to
float a \$20m seven-year note issue hoaring 8.5 per cent through a syndicate led by Hambros Bank and Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken. The notes provides a sinking fund starting February 15, 1980. It will reduce the average his of the notes outstanding to life of the notes outstanding to 5.3 years. Final terms and issue price are due on January 25.

Prospering Trident plans takeovers Powered by plenty of adver- other major television &

rising, the pre-tax profits of Trident Television, the independent programme contractor for the Yorkshire and Tyne-Tees among the ITV contractor for the Yorkshire and Tyne-Tees among the ITV contractor for moved up to second among the ITV contractor for moved up to second among the ITV contractor for moved up to second among the ITV contractor for moved up to second the independent pany's advertising removed up to second the independent programme contractor for moved up to second the independent programme contractor for moved up to second the independent programme contractor for moved up to second the independent pany's advertising removed up to second the independent programme contractor for moved up to second the independent pro areas, soared 131 per cent to a record £4.82m in the year to September 30. The chairman, Mr G. E. Ward Thomas forecasts a further improvement in the current year. The shares duly rose 3p to 34p. Turnover rose 39 per cent to

£47.17 m. Net profits burgeoned from £515,000 to £1.92 m while earnings a share improved from 2.5p to 6.1p. The dividend rises from 3.24p gross to 3.57p. Pre-tax profits from television contracting advanced from 52.02m to 53.68m, and the loss from television rental and sales fell from £996,000 to

£568,000. Profits from other

operations rose from £1.06m to At the half-way stage, when pre-tax profits jumped 99 per cent to £2.23m Mr Ward Thomas said he expected the advance to be maintained in the second six months. Now, the directors say that advertising revenue through the two sub-sidiaries. Yorkshire Television and Tyne-Tees Television, has

been buovant. Trident's growth in advertising revenue was greater than the average for the network, Finally, 1977 should be an and greater than that of any year of successful growth.

In the last quarter the

Trident's other United dom interests substan initial setting up losses Australian enterprise is ing even. During the year T

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for the two companies. further increase in telea vertising revenue afte. encouraging " first qui Despite increasing costs expects a further improve both from television and Trident's other activitie home and overseas.

tain strong cash resource "the time is appropriate forther acquisition ", the . man adds. He expects "a tive development

The group continues to

Encouraging first quarter for Bass Charrington

Reporting higher sales, Mr Bass's wine and spirit Derek Palmar, chairman of Bass by volume were well ahea-Charrington, also told the last year, but were undoubt annual meeting that the board of an increase in duty in cent. The biggest borrowers are looked forward to 1977 "as yet December mini-Budget, and another year of progress and usual, the group will not s

development". clear pa He added: "Contrary to the spring indicated decline in the total beer market. our sales by rise and Bass is having to volume for the first three months of this trading year—that is, up to Christmas 1976—Apart from minor adjusts. were slightly ahead of those for at the retail level it intent the previous year. This is par-hold the price of its dra

The chairman went on: "The former wine chief was rect indications are that we are convoted off the board, but a st

clear pattern of trade unti-Allowable costs continu

ticularly encouraging as the comparable period to Christmas board hopes this will be the spring.

1975 was a period of exceptionally good trading."

Mr Stanley Williams,

tinuing to increase our share of ment was reached and the lager market and the take-

Business appointments

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New executive chairman : Henderson Administration.

become executive chairmen of Henderson Administration. He succeeds Mr G. F. B. Grant who is retiring after 40 years with the ompany. ' Mr John Seymour Thompson Mr John Seymour Hompson has been made a director of Harrisons & Crosfield.
Mr J. Campbell Fraser is now chairman of Dunlop, the main Dunlop operating company, in succession to Sir Reay Geddes.
Sir Reay continues as chairman of Dunlop Holding, parent company.

Mr N. K. Kinkead-Weekes has Industries.

Danlop Holding, parent company of the Dunlop group, of which Mr Fraser is managing director and Fraser is managing director and chief executive.

Mr L. W. H. Rea, managing director and chief executive of the Newall Group, has additionally beed elected deputy chairman.

Mr A. L. Hood is relinquishing the post of deputy chairman while remaining a non-executive director and financial adviser of V. Tilbury Contracting Group. Mr D. W. J. Savage (formerly managing directors) Contracting ortottp. Mr D. W. J. Savage (formerly managing director) becomes deputy chairman with full time responsibility for overseas interests. Mr C. Brand (formerly assistant managing director) becomes managing director in charge of United Kingdom operations.

tions.

Mr Kenneth John Cooper has been made managing director of H. Clarkson (SSR). Mr Michael Middleton and Mr Geoffrey Holman have viso gone on to the hoard. board.
Mr J. B. Horner bas joined the board of Hartle Machinery Inter-

ational. Mr H. M. F. McCall has become a director of Thompson Graham & Co.

Mr Alau Wheeler is now a nonexecutive director of Percy Lane
Group. Mr Donald Overfield and
Mr Graham Smith have been made
directors of Percy Lane.

Mr J. A. Bentham has gone on
to the board of Doniton Glass

of the principal su William Samuel Morris. Mr J. C. Camps has becondirector of R. K. Harrison & Mr G. H. C. Dart has been a chairman and Mr P. C. G. Sh chairman and Mr P. C. G. Shi managing director of R. K. rison, J. I. Jacobs (Insurance succession to Mr R. Thoresen has resigned as chairman joint managing director.

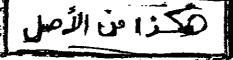
Mr T. W. Higgins is now diman of Lestie Langton Holdi in succession to Mr T. B. Lang who retires in March: Mr M. Pearce and Mr R. S. Lang have joined the board; Mr M. Langton has been made chair of Langton Underwriting Age in succession to Mr T. W. Hig who continues as a director; J. W. Fraser has become maining director and Mr M. T. C. ton, Mr I. B. Gavine and Mr Williamson have joined the board of Langton Investo Services.

Mr A. E. Morris has resigned the board of Morris Biakey Wallpapers. He is, lever, remaining a director of

Services.
Mr 1. M. Wills has been at I

Preston regional director at bland Bank, in succession to C. Parmley who is retiring a 42 years with the bank. Mr Gregory Wolcough has b made commercial director. Simplon Interline Trading. Mr David Cutier is made grifinancial controller of British B. Services. He succeeds Mr January Watson, who becomes climance officer of British Roservices' parent, the Natio Services' parent, the Nato Freight Corporation.

Mr N. K. S. Wills has be made deputy chairman of Boulton & Paul Group.



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prowth which had been by the 1974-75 recesngthening of finances pest in five years, and to operations in the United States. uce operations turned gnificantly and strong was made in other key areas. These take in automotive and conoducts. The board also
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there by 13.8 per cent bank said that the increase in the final onths reflected the imthe reduction in the 1 for possible losses on his fell from \$115.1m m.—Reuter.

cuita was steady. Indian snot, Re520 per bale of 400th, Dundee Tossa Four, soot, Re520.
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London Metal Exchange.—Afternoon.—
Cash, 255.0p; three months, 264.55p;
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200.80.21. Sales, 1.850 tons. Morning. 200.80.21. Sales in the sales i The Export Credits Guarantee Department has guaranteed two loans totalling £8m which Williams and Glyn's Bank has made to Liberian buyers to help finance the purchase of two SD14 cargo vessels from Austin and Pickersgill of Sunderland. Delivery of the vessels is scheduled for spring, 1978. D), SUGAR futures were easier. The London daily prices were "news" \$5 down at \$1350 and "het.25-34.50 per metric um; May, \$135.50-36, Aug. \$2167.25-38; Oct. \$127.26-39.25; Dec. \$2142.42.50; March, \$147.47.50; May, \$136, Dec. \$142.42.50; March, \$147.47.50; May, \$136, Dec. \$148.06-88, 78. Sales, 7,850 lob. \$18A prices; daily 9,10c; 17-day average 7.65c. BA prices; dally 9,10c: 17-day average 7.65c.
50YABEAN MEAL was steady.—Feb. 61.66.50-56.90 per metric ton; Auril. 61.57.80-56.90 per metric ton; Auril. 61.57.80-56.90; June. 61.57.50-58.
Ang. 61.57.90-58; Oct. 61.54-54.40; Dec. 61.51.50-51.80; Feb. 61.51-54.
Bales, 178 lots.
WOOL. Greesy futures were easier (peace per kilo).—March, 247-50; May, 257-60; July, 261-54; Oct. 268-73; Dec. 274-78; March, 276-80; May, 278-84; July, 281-85, Sales, 8 lots including 7 options.
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Exchequer 124% 1981 (2964) 55 **Foreign** Exchange

The pound was yesterday in demand again on foreign exchanges in further reflection of the much-improved trade figures for last month. But its progress was held in check by the Bank of England buying up dollars to boost the reserves, dealers said. Sterling closed 22 points higher against the dollar at \$1.710, while its effective devaluation narrowed another 0.1 percentage point to 42.9 per cent.

Dealers estimated that between one and two hundred million dollars had been added to the United Kingdom reserves in the last 48 hours alone as the Bank of England apparently stood pre-pared to snap up currency for sterling, thus protecting Britain's export potential.

The dollar also gained ground from continental currencies. The Japanese yen advanced from 291.60 to 291.15 against the dollar.

Gold rose 75 cents an ounce to

\$133,125. **Spot Position** of Sterling

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Though there was again a sub-stantial shortage of fresh credit in the discount market, it was clear yesterday that the quite phenomenal shortages lately seen had been relieved by the repayment of special deposits made on Monday.

The principal part of the assistance given by the Bank of England yesterday was again a loan, made at the minimum lending rate, but this was essentially for technical but this was essentially for technical reasons. The authorities were still not giving any signals on their views about Friday's Treasury Bill tender and any chauge in the level of MLR, despite free speculation in City markets that there will be a half-point drop to 134 per cent. point drop to 131 per cent. The Bank lent a large sum to four or five houses at MLR for

repayment today. In addition, it bought a small quantity of local authority bills directly from the houses and a small amount of Treasury bills both from houses and banks. At the finish, it looked as though this help was possibly rather less than the situation warranted.

Nevertheless, rates in the discount market finished in the 12 to 133 per cent band, having come down from the 14 per cent area that had ruled during the morning. The major adverse factor had been the repayment to the Bank of very large seven-day borrowings taken by the houses the previous Tuesday and the exceptionally large overnight borrowings.

Money Market

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Wall Street

New York, Jan 18.—Prices on the New York stock markets again closed narrowly lower in moder-ately active crading, mirroring yesterday's performance. The broader market fared better than issues comprising the Dow Jones industrial average. The blue chip index closed down 4.82 oversell declines onthumbered advances by about 840 to 630. Volume totalled 24,380,000 shares.

Cocoa offered at 4 cent limit down

New York, Jan 18. COCOA futures were offered down the limit of 4,00 cents on nervous long liquidation from commission houses triggered by talk that the recent atrons advance was running our of sloam. An estimated 118 sel orders were unfilled at the close. March, 168,76c; May, 168,50c; July, 168,50c; Sept. 146,50c; Dec. 131,70c; March, 126,30c neminal; May, 191,30c, Spots; Loans 180c nominal. Bahla 180c nominal. COFFEE. FORTISE IN C. CONTRACT COFFEE. FORTISE IN C. CONTRACT 218-60-25-50-; May. 215.93-16.60c; 218-60-25-50-; May. 215.93-16.60c; 218.00-217.20-18.90c; Sept. 218.00-17.60c Dec. 212.25-12.50c; March. ril.
SUGAR.—Futures in No 11 contract fluctuated in a range of 0.40-cont. March. 8.80-79c: May 8.97-94c: July. 8.91-90c: Sent. 9.00-8.85c: O.a. 8.80-92c: July. 8.91-90c. Sent. 9.00-8.85c: O.a. 8.80-92c: July. 8.80-92c: May, 9.25-02c. Spot. 8.80c. off 25.

23. COTTON.—Futures in No 11 contract closed 0.97-cent higher. March, 70.60-65c; May, 71.20c; July, 71.60-66c; Oct., 67.30c; Sec., 64.30-60c; March, 64.95-63c; July, 64.85-65c; May, 64.95-63c; July, 64.85-65c; May, 64.95-63c; July, 64.85-65c; J Dec. \$1.37.70 March, \$139.60 asked: COPPER, Puttures closed standy 20 polints up on 5.256 lots. Jac. 64.70c; Fab. 64.80c; March, 65.20c; May, 66.30c; July, 67.10c; Sept. 68.00c; Doc. 69.00c; Jan. 69.40c. CHICAGO SOYABEANS, Futures endod with prices 0.85 to 0.42 cents a lib higher, while Meal closed \$1.10 a ton higher, while Meal; 724°-25°-c; May, 726-27c; July, 725-25c; Aug, 721c; Sept. 691c, Nov. 671-719°c; Jan. 676c; March, 6815c, SOYABEAN 01. Jan. 21.40c; March, 21.45-50c; May, 21.70-75c; July, 21.95c; Aug, 31.90c; Seot, 21.85c; Oct., 21.80c; Dec. 21.80-76c;

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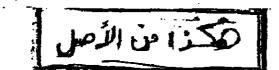
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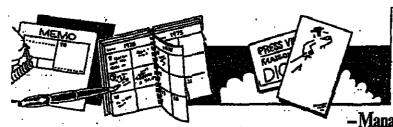
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CLOUTMAN, MARGARET.—A service of Thanksgiving will take place at the Hornsey Y.M.C.A.. Tottenham Lane, N.B., on Wednesday. 2nd Feb., at 8 p.m. and the service of Dr. Harold Darks will be hold at 8t. Michael's Church, Cornhill, on Monday, 14th February, 1977, at 12.30 p.m. RAY.—A service of thanksgiving for Professor Herbert Davenport Kay. FRS. will be held at St. Mary's Church, Shintfeld, Reading, at 5 church, Shintfeld, Reading, at 6 church, Shintfeld, Reading, at 6 church strikers, and the service of the strikers of the Shintfeld, Reading, at 6 church strikers, and the service of the strikers will derver, will on the service of the late Richart Mercer-Wilson will

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ADRIAN.—On the anniversary of his death, in 1973, many remember with deep affection. Delowed Max. —January 19th, January 19th, All our Love—Tutti and Little, STEPHEN.—January 19th, 19th

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ENNETT.—On January 16th at the Radelitts Hospital, Oxford, Alica Mariel, 1964 80, of The Mosts, Thame. Oxfor, Funeral at St. Mary's Church, Thame, on Friday, January 21st, at 2.15 ph. No Invers, please.

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LAPHAM.—On 16th January, at
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cay, January 13. ELLIS.—On 16th January, 1977, after a short Rhees John Ber-nard Royal of West Childington, Sussex:

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PHHLIP—On January 17th at
home, Doctor George Slewart
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PETON.—On January 14th, 1977, suddenly in hospital. Ernesi Lylo, dearly loved busband of Eunice, father of Brisa and Girlian of Soberton, Bants. Formerly of Marchester, Cremation, Friday 21st January, at Porchester Cremation, 5.50 p.m. Family flowers only to Child & Sons, Soberton, Donations, it wished to R.N.L.I.

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of a car crash in the late evening
of January 14th, Service Robin
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PURCELL—On January 16. Peter very dearty loved elder son of Bill and Kathieen. Leatherhead. Survey. Funeral private. No letters, please.

SUMMERSON.—On 12th January Alon Kenneth Squadron Leader Reid. Suddenly at his home 8 Highlands Ryhall noir Stanford aged 55 years before the husband of the suddenly at his home 6 Funeral service of All Schale Church, Wittering, on Thursday. 20th January, at 2.15 p.m. Followed by pirsule cremation. No flowers by request but if desired donations may be sent to the RA.F. Benevolent Fund.

SCHWEPPE—On January 15, 1977.

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ICHWEPPE.—On January 15, 1977,
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Schweppe and much loved mother
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SARA CARROLL.—21 today.
Congratitations Sara and love from all the family.

EDITH RAMSEY.—Greelings on her 82nd birthday from all her friends in the East End.

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1 Sewer-guard (7).

5 Advice to David, the little

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2 A pointer for many in India coming to eminence (9).

3 Form of English a graduate's in charge of (5).

4 Greyish - brownish - yellowish man turned black? Just so (9).

11 Adam's apple cover-up? (4-5).
12 Make duty free shortly after the war (5).
13 What's given to Maud, perhaps, northing less (5).
15 Entrance fee associated with No 11? (6, 3).
18 Heather enters into leases for servants (9).
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